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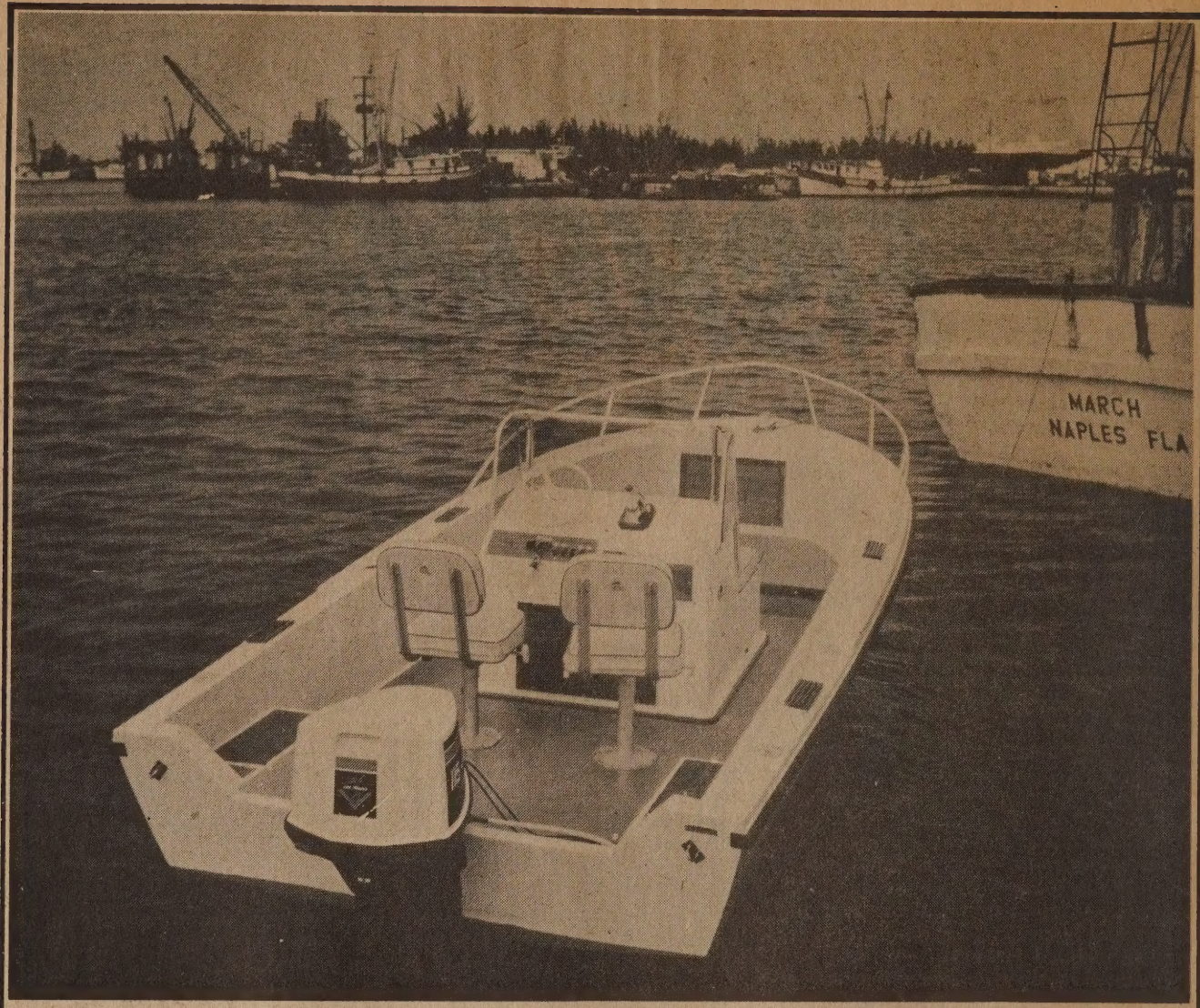

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From the Editor's Head

I recently received the following letter from Thomas Moder of Oakland, New Jersey. The questions he asks are not uncommon; there are an awful lot of fellows like him who are hitting big water with small boats. Let's base some safety points on a bit of knowledge and some common sense.

I fished for years when I was a kid on Long Island, north and south shores. That, together with a stint in the merchant marine which took me all over the world, left me with a healthy respect for open water. Now, after years when business and what-all left no time for fishing, I'm back.

Things have sure changed and for the past year I've been getting the necessary info back together. I live in Jersey now, but it's just as easy to hit Long Island as it is the Jersey shore.

First things first, so I rented boat and motor for a while and fished quietly inshore, watching who was doing what. Followed your paper closely, too.

Finally bought a 14 foot aluminum boat, 210 lbs., 60 inch beam and 30 inch at the bow, floatation chambers, also a 20 H.P. Merc. They're a good combo as I had occasion to find out in a 100 mile long North Canadian Lake when a very sudden and vicious squall came up halfway home at dusk, 10 miles from either shore. 'Nuff said.

I'm beginning to experiment with the quieter inlets now on Long Island and New Jersey. Shark River for example. Just a quick careful run out past the rocks, never more than a few hundred yards, on fairly quiet days. I am going to be doing more, but a couple of questions come up.

Apart from the boat and motor, and bottom conditions, several things determine the treachery of an inlet, and I don't have the experience to put it all together. I'd rather not learn it the hard way if possible.

Those things, the way I see it, are; tide direction and speed, wave direction and height, wind direction and speed.

My questions are these:

1. With a quiet to moderate wave action and little wnd, is it easier to navigate an inlet, in either direction, with a small boat when the tide is running out into the waves, or running into the inlet? I would think incoming would be safer as there would be no standing wave problems.

2. Is slack tide better than incoming when going out?

3. Is slack tide better than incoming when coming in?

4. How many problems do stiff onshore or offshore winds cause when coming in or out, when wave action is still within moderate limits.

5. What angle headig is best coming in or going out when wave action is a factor? Straight, 30 degrees, 45 degrees?

Now for some surf questions.

If there is no other way (anchor or get help) and if you absolutely have to get to shore through a fairly tough surf, how is the best way to go about it?

If you still have power, do you:

6. time wave action and try to run in between crests at full power?

7. try to let the waves bring you in stern first, using the motor to keep the bow facing straight seaward?

8. if you do broach and swamp in the surf if it would seem impossible to stick to the boat. Assuming you have a preserver on, would you just do your best to get to swim to shore, or just let the wave action alone do it?

9. If you don't have power, is a long sea anchor the only way to go about it, or would trying to use the oars be a better idea, or both together?

10. In extreme cases (with a small boat such as mine) does it make any sense to dump a dead motor with a marker line attached before coming in? How much liability is that much dead weight?

I guess I've asked a lot of questions, but nobody knows more than a small boat fisherman what a wrong answer might mean. Not only that, I have a feeling that there are a lot more guys like me on the scene, and we all need the help.

I've numbered your questions and my answers will correspond accordingly. My answers are limited by my experience in boat-handling small rigs, such as the one you own, for about 25 years. I've not had a formal course, but neither have I ever gotten into a trouble situation. On the water I am a cautious person; perhaps too much so, but I have a healthy respect for the sea and what it can do. Here goes:

In general, one additional factor to include along with wind, waves and tide, is the very real effect of rip and eddy currents. These can grab a small boat and throw it into a potentially

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NASSAU-SUFFOLK WASTE TREATMENT

Commissioner of Environmental Conservation Ogden Reid announced today that he has certified the grant application for $5.207 million in Federal funds prepared by the Nassau-Suffolk Regional Planning Board as the planning agency responsible for the development of the "Areawide Waste Treatment management Plan" for Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

In making the certification, Commissioner Reid said, "Nassau and Suffolk Counties have very delicate water resources which must be very carefully managed, particularly since the counties are totally dependent upon groundwater as their source of public water supply. Some of the groundwaters are now polluted and some marine waters have been degraded so that some uses have been impaired."

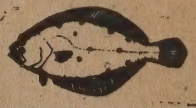
Commissioner Reid said that the scope of the areawide waste treatment management plan will not only encompass planning of wastewater treatment facilities, but will also include alternate solutions to groundwater supply problems and recommend actions to prevent future waste management problems. Growth and land use considerations will be major elements in determining waste treatment management needs to meet groundwater potection and other resource objectives. The plan will include:

- identification of structural works necessary to meet future needs, and the cost
- establishment of construction priorities and timetables
- regulatory program for the location, modification and construction of any facilities which may result in discharge and provisions to otherwise implement waste treatment management requirements of the Federal Act
- identification of management agencies for plan implementation
- identification of the economic, social and environmental impact of carrying out the plan
- process and procedures for control of non-point sources including land use requirements

This two-year planning effort is to be funded 100 percent through a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant.

"The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will actively participate throughout the planning process in order to insure compatibility with the State's Continuous Planning Process required under other provisions of the Act," Commissioner Reid said.

Following completion of the plan and approval by Governor Carey, the implementation phase will be initiated at which time all pollution control permits shall be issued only in conformance with the plan. Federal and State grants for sewage treatment facilities will be made only to the designated implementation agencies and only for facilities in conformity with the plan.



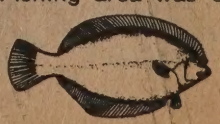
CLUB NEWS

HUNTINGTON ANGLERS' CLUB

Last Sunday 25 members of the Huntington Anglers' Club went on their annual Flounder Rowboat Trip out of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station in Southold.

The results were as follows: 1st prize - Dan Marro: Flounder - 3 lb.; 2nd prize - Joe McMenomen, Jr.: Flounder - 2 lb. 5 oz.; 3rd prize - Harry Mavra: Flounder - 2 lb. 4 oz.

All the prizes were captured on Phil Beck's boat, which won it all last year. In the party were Bob Beck and Joe McMenomen, Sr. Fifty flounder were caught, 12 in the two pound range, plus 12 blackfish to 7 lb. The 7-pounder was caught by Harry Mavra; Fishing area was Gardiner's Island.



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The Mystery of the Little Black Book

There is a certain fascination in little black books and the closely guarded secrets they contain. Probably those most addicted to recording their innermost secrets are schoolgirls, swingers and serious fishermen. Not falling into either of the first two categories, I will confine myself to the latter.

To the boatman in the pre-electronic age they separated the fisherman from the tyros. Shore ranges, compass bearings, running time, and depth, recorded by a sash weight on the end of a stout tarred line, were essential to consistently good catches. Today, fish-finders can be very helpful. Stages of the tide, water temperature, direction of the wind and its velocity—carefully noted—will be an asset on future excursions.

When I decided to forsake boat fishing and take up slogging the sandy beaches, all data was religiously recorded on returning home. Through the years—weekends, vacations and after work—this amounted to a formidable arsenal of information. Finally I was handed my gold watch, and the time had come to draw up a full scale battle plan. Compiling everything into tabular form was time consuming, and analyzing the results a hodge-podge of contradictions. The only conclusion I was able to reach is that fishing sand beaches is as unpredictable as the fish themselves.

Certainly there is an explanation. I recorded everything I saw above the surface, while the fish probably saw things a lot differently below. We know they lead a nomadic existence and make it a point to stay as close to their food supply as possible. True, we have trained our eyes to spot baitfish, but for everyone we do see there are hundreds of thousands we don't. Bait fish are nomadic, too, and their activities follow the plankton they feed on, and so on down the food chain. The movement of the plankton is dependent on current, temperature and their life-giving nutrients. The latter are stirred up by storms, others by heavy rains washing decaying matter from the land into streams and rivers, and upwellings from the depths. Boiling it down: it amounts to too much fine weather not being conductive to fine fishing.

A fish is cold blooded. This means he takes on the temperature of the water in which he swims. His tolerance to change may be so slight that a few degrees either way can upset his metabolism, possibly resulting in death. A good example of this is the change of thermocline that caused the death of millions of tilefish a few decades ago. It can also bring on the dread red tile, wherein certain plankton bloom and multiply at an alarming rate, cutting off the oxygen and releasing poisons deadly to countless millions of fish, shellfish and even man, himself. A cooler current of water between the beach and the birds screaming over a school of bait could be as effective a barrier to a fish as a mountain range is to us on land.

Although fish travel in schools they cannot read books, calenders or maps. For this reason blues may turn up in Flushing Bay when they should be off Eaton's Neck. Stripers turn up where they should not be, while former hot spots remain barren. Bait fish do likewise: where are the schools of tinker mackerel and anchovies that appear one season and disappear the next? Ideally, striped bass enter our waters when the waters are somewhere in the neighborhood of 45 degrees, feed on the bottom until the mercury goes over the 50's, when they start taking lures. As the waters warm they move off the beaches until it cools off. Still, some of trophy dimensions are apt to turn up in the bays and inlets on some of the hottest days of summer.

Bluefish seldom move in until the temperature reaches 60 and move out to the deeper water again at 70. This can mean a run of blues anywhere from mid-May to mid-June at the inlets. After that, forays to the beaches can come anywhere from August through October—they seem to linger a little longer each year.

I should point out that the contour of the bottom has a tremendous effect. Before the erection of jetties, tidal action and storms caused sandbars to angle from the beaches and form deep troughs and holes. These are havens for bait. Since the erections of the structures and constant dredging, the bars tend to lay off parallel to the beach, and more often than not, beyond casting range.

If we learn to read the waters and take the time to explore a bit at low tide, we may come up with some productive spots. Areas west of an inlet, such as Cedar Beach, Point Lookout and Edgemere, can prove to be fruitful. At the latter I recommend you bring a buddy—the bigger the better—or at least a guard dog.

So you see, casting from a sandy beach is more complex than your little black book will reveal. I could go on to salinity, sludge and oil spills, plus many other factors. You are not going to overcome them all in your lifetime. Go fishing, with lures or bait, and follow your instincts and hunches. You could be spending your time and money on far less rewarding enterprises.

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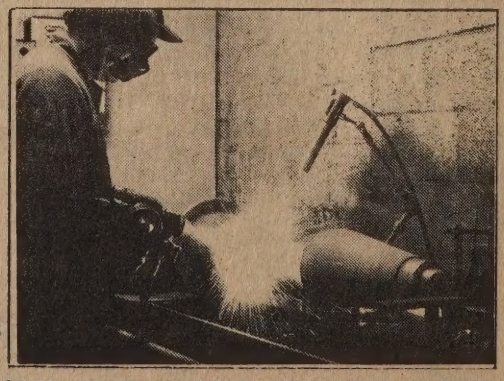

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BLACKFISH TO RUM OMELET

I've always thought of blackfish (or "tautog," as they call them in New England) as "fun" fish to catch. I've caught many of them from the beach and from boats, and they sure enough put up a real battle at the end of your line. However, as far as eating them is concerned, they seemed to me one of those fish whose flesh left something to be desired. Something must be wrong with my taste buds when it comes to blacks because I know so many who'd rather have a black than any other other species.

Frank Reiser of Oceanside, who contributed the following two recipes, is one of these. After reading these formulas for cooking blacks, I can easily see that each of these recipes absolutely must be delicious. My mouth actually waters when I read them.

Blackfish Fried Southern Style

¾ cup cornmenal
¼ cup flour
1 tablespoon salt
¼ teaspoon baking powder
2 eggs
¼ cup milk
corn oil
2 pounds blackfish fillets

In a large bowl mix the cornmeal, flour, salt and baking powder. Add the eggs and mix rapidly with a large spoon. Keep mixing and slowly add the milk until you've got a good consistency in the batter.

Place enough corn oil in a frying pan to make a depth of about an inch. Heat the pan to a moderately hot degree or, if you use an electric frying pan, set it to 380°.

Wash and dry the fillets and dip them into the bowl so that they are battered on both sides. Drop them into the hot fat and fry until they are golden brown; about 5 minutes on each side. Serve with lemon slices, tartar sauce, parsley and hot rolls.

Blackfish in Cheddar Cheese Sauce

This is a great recipe—loved even by the kids who hate to eat fish!

2½ pounds blackfish fillets
1 stick (¼ pound) butter
3 cups of milk
4 tablespoons of flour
½ pound wedge of cheddar cheese
unseasoned bread crumbs
salt and pepper

Place the fillets in a covered pot with one-half inch of water and simmer for 5 minutes. Remove the fillets and allow them to cool. Down the drain with the water. After the fillets have cooled, shred the meat, usng two knives. Grate the cheddar cheese and mix it with the fish and the milk. Sprinkle in the flour as you are stirring and pour it into a casserole baking dish.

Place pats of butter over the top and then sprinkle with unseasoned bread crumbs. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 350° for 45 minutes to an hour. Serve over boiled rice or noodles.

Clams a la Teddy

I believe it was back in the late thirties that I became acquainted with a man known as "Teddy". He was the proprietor of Teddy's Hotel and Restaurant in Port Jefferson. It was there that I first tasted his wonderful clam dish, and after I got to know him better he disclosed his method of preparing them. It goes like this:

1 quart medium-sized hard clams
1 cup raw potatoes
1 cup bread (soaked in water and pressed dry.)
1 cup diced celery
1 cup onions and bacon
salt and pepper to taste

Remove the clams from their shells and chop the meat finely. Strain the clam juice to remove pieces of shell and possible sand. Chop all the ingredients into small pieces and mix them all together.

Now, fill the empty clam shells with the mixture and bake in the oven for a half-hour. Remove from the oven and place a strip of bacon over each. Put back in the oven once more until the bacon is "nice and brown". Then—serve. You seemingly cannot have enough of these clams. They really turn you on!

Rum Omelet

(This is another dessert!)

This rum omelet for which a certain hotel of the twenties was justly famous, is delicious beyond description. It has an unforgettable flavor, the mere memory of which fortunately evoked the following recipe which falls but little short of absolute perfection.

8 tablets of lump sugar
2½ tablespoons Jamaica Rum
4 eggs (separated)
½ teaspoon of salt
2 tablespoons of butter
⅓ cup strawberry jelly

Crush the sugar with a rolling pin. Place in a small bowl and add the rum. Beat the egg yolks until thick. Add a dash of salt. Then beat the egg whites until foamy, add the rest of the salt and beat until stiff. Fold in the yolks. Melt the butter in an omelet pan and add the egg mixture. Cook over very low heat until it is puffy and the bottom is lightly browned. Now place in a moderate oven—350°—for 10 minutes or until the surface is firm. Spread with jelly which you have beaten with a fork until soft. Fold the jelly into the omelet carefully. Now pour the rum sugar mixture over the surface and light with a match. Turn onto a hot platter and make four people happy.

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ADVANCED FLUKING *Part Two:* Strip Baits

There must be something tantalizing about a strip bait slowly gliding over the bottom, because a fluke just can't resist it. Strip baits have many advantages over baitfish: they are larger, stay on the hook through multiple strikes, and are a source of bait available to the angler at little or no cost.

The ideal strip bait is six to eight inches long, ¾-inch wide and tapers to a point. Ridiculous, you say? Then you will now learn to first rule of advanced fluking: Strip baits are terrific! I have personally caught scores of short fluke (under fourteen inches) on strip baits that could choke a horse. A seven-inch long strip of fluke-belly will take fluke twelve inches long as easily as it will take a twelve pound doormat. Strip baits are most effective in deep water areas around the mouths of inlets and tidal rips such as those found off Montauk, where fluke are in the habit of feeding on relatively larger fish than when they are in shallow bay waters.

When fishing small baitfish, the angler usually has only one shot at a striking fish. If the fluke misses the hook or the fisherman strikes too early, his reward will often be either an empty hook or a baitfish bitten off behind the ears. But it's a rare day indeed that fluke will be able to "steal" a strip bait without being hooked—the angler will often have two, three, or even more shots at a fish without losing the bait, thereby greatly increasing his chances of hooking up.

The real beauty of strip baits is that the angler has a ready supply of bait that is minutes-fresh, free, and extremely effective. If you are an avid fluke fisherman, invest a few dollars in three or four pounds of large, fresh squid early in the season. Wrap each individually and place in the freezer. Take one squid on each fluke trip for starter baits. The five or six strip baits it will yield should be more than enough to catch a small fluke or other fish that can be used for additional strips.

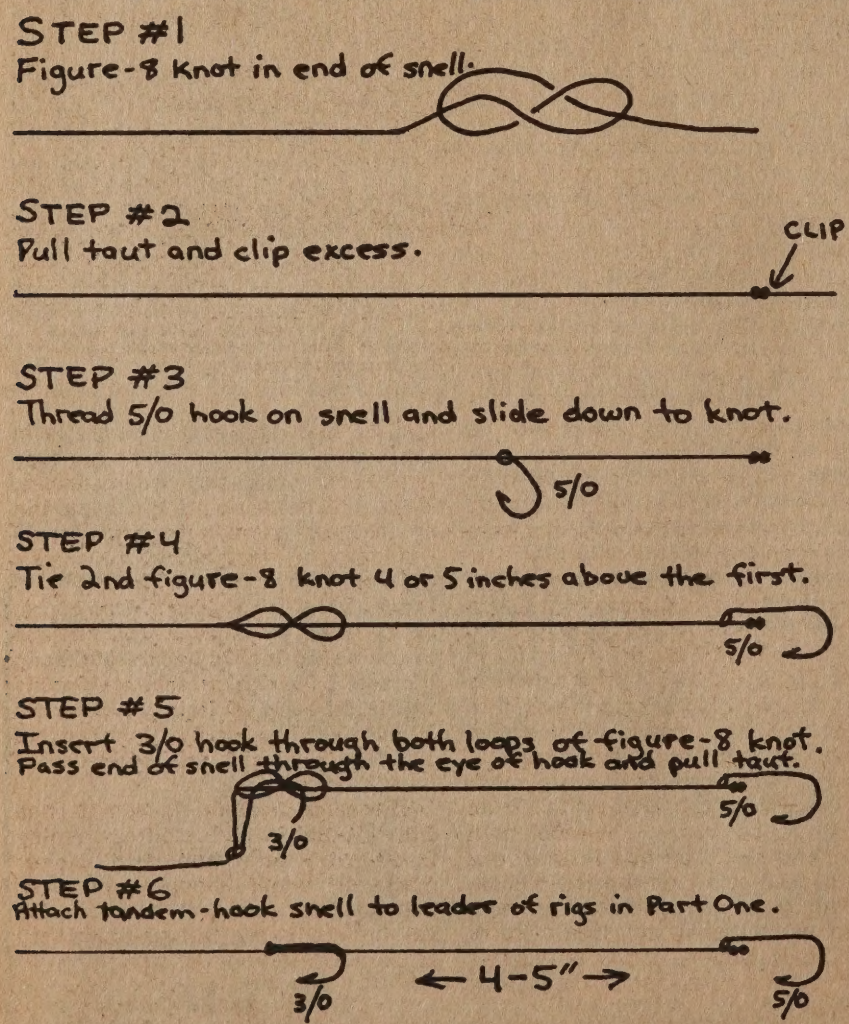
I've only seen this backfire once—to my father, and brothers Ed and John. They boated six or seven fluke before their starter bait ran out; unfortunately, it was their bad luck that the smallest was five pounds! The metal of a fluke fisherman is put to the test when he is confronted with the dilemma of butchering a five-pounder for bait...they passed, but not without mixed emotions.

Strip baits also account for a large percentage of doormats. Fluke spanning the full range of sizes, from shorts to doormats, will often be mixed in the same catch, all taken on the same size strips. Large baits, when fished with the proper rig and techniques, will not decrease a day's catch. In fact, they will more than likely increase it.

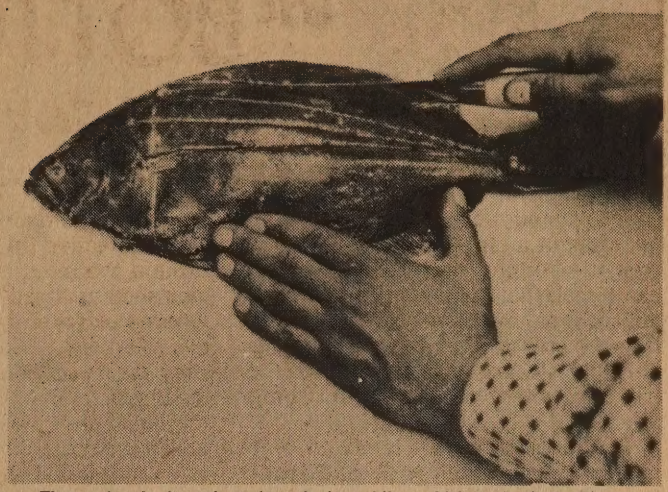
Fluke "belly" is the most popular strip bait for several reasons: there is rarely a day when a few small fluke aren't taken, making a supply of fresh bait constantly at hand; and the flat fillets can be cut into thin, perfect, pennant-shaped strips as shown in the photo sequence. Personally, I make a point of saving one small fluke each trip for my next starter bait.

Next in preference for strip bait is mackerel. Forget about frozen macks, however—they're mushville. On that rare occasion that you luck into mackerel in mid-summer, catch a few and cut into strips. Fresh mackerel strips are the best strip baits you can use for doormats. Fresh-caught squid are also a choice bait.

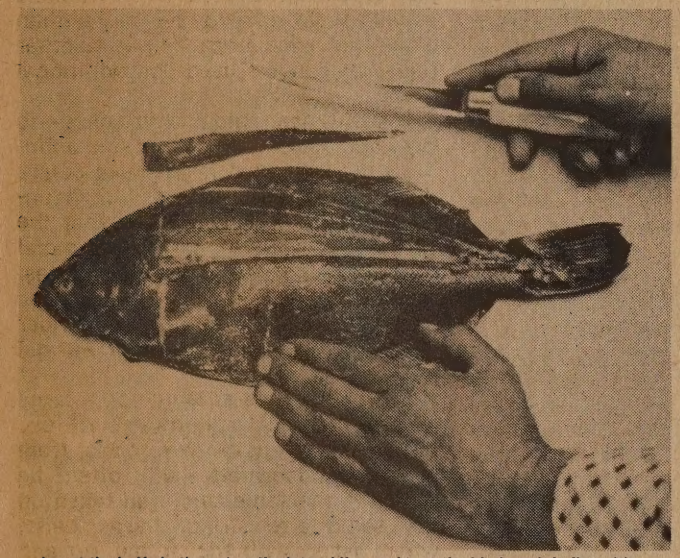
Sea robin and bergal run a distant third for strip baits. The anatomy of these fish yield thick, stubby strips that are difficult to shape. But they still make effective baits, particularly when trolling. If none of these fish are


STEP #1
Figure-8 knot in end of snell.
STEP #2
Pull taut and clip excess.
CLIP
STEP #3
Thread 5/0 hook on snell and slide down to knot.
5/0
STEP #4
Tie 2nd figure-8 knot 4 or 5 inches above the first.
5/0
STEP #5
Insert 3/0 hook through both loops of figure-8 knot.
Pass end of snell through the eye of hook and pull taut.
5/0
3/0
STEP #6
Attach tandem-hook snell to leader of rigs in Part One.
3/0
← 4-5" →
5/0

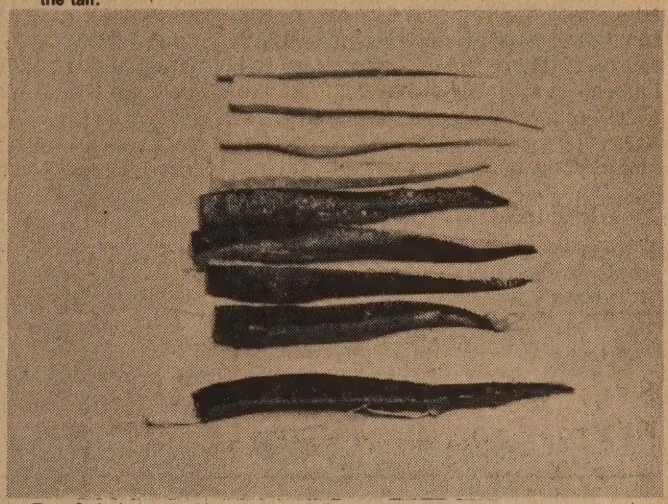
Lay the fluke dark side up on a flat surface. Lift the pectoral fin and make a vertical cut behind it down to the bones.



Then make a horizontal cut along the lateral line, which marks the backbone. Make four more vertical cuts, three-quarters inch wide tapering to a point at the tail.



Insert the knife in the cut on the lateral line and turn the blade so it is flat with the bones. Make a series of long, sweeping strokes with the knife until the strip baits detach from the bones. Turn the fluke over and repeat process with white side. One fluke yields 8 strip baits: 4 dark, 4 white.



Top: Strip baits cut from one small fluke. Bottom: Fluke-belly on tandem hook rig. First hook imbedded ½ inch down from wide end of strip bait. Second hook approximately 2½" from point of taper.

available, use whatever is at hand—be it sand shark, porgy or guppy—I have yet to find a strip bait that hasn't produced a few fluke.

Now that you have a supply of strip baits, how do you rig it? Please, don't experiment. It took me two years of aggravation to develop and perfect a rig, so let me save you a lot of time and heartache. The major stumbling blacks to developing this rig were (1) how to attach two hooks to a single snell in a manner that would prevent the strip from twisting; and (2) how to compensate for the distance between the top and tail hook to allow for various lengths of strips.

The answer lies in the "tandem hook fluke rig with sliding stinger hook," which consists of two hooks attached to the same snell. The first hook (a 3/0 beak) is attached permanently, and the second hook (a 5/0 beak) is threaded on the snell below it. This "stinger" hook floats freely on the line but can travel no more than five inches away from the smaller hook before it is stopped by a large knot. It can also revolve around the line, preventing the strip bait from twisting and moving unnaturally.

Pass the 3/0 hook through the flesh and out the skin about a half-inch down at the wide end of the strip bait. Take the stinger hook and imbed it the same way about two inches from the taper, sliding the hook up the snell to adjust for strip baits under seven inches. By a actual count of several hundred fluke last season, eight out of ten fluke were consistently taken on the stinger hook, one in ten took both hooks and less than one in ten fluke was hooked solely on the front hook, leading one to wonder if fluke are ever taken without this rig. Don't worry about the visibility of the protruding hooks—fluke are far from being hook-shy.

Tie the rig as shown in the step-by-step diagrams and you're in business. Do not use baitholder-type beak hooks under any circumstances. The bait will ride up the shank and put an unnatural crimp in the strip. Attach the snell to a 3-way swivel of the basic fluke rig (shown in Part One) with an Improved Clinch knot. Don't get discouraged—it takes a little practice to get the top hook to lie straight along the snell. Tie rigs in advance—many will be lost while drifting, so why spend a good drift fumbling to tie a rig that could have been done at leisure at home?

The same tandem rig can be tied with 2/0 hooks and used for fishing large sand eels, spearing, tinker mackerel, small snappers or even baby dogfish (which I haven't tried yet, but are on my "things-to-try list" as soon as I get hold of some!).

CROSSING THE BAR with Don Vetter

PILOTING Part Two

In the last column we discussed some of the fundamentals of pilotage; here we shall delve deeper into the matter in the hope of giving the average boatman a working familiarity with the principles which will enable him to pilot his craft in strange waters with a large measure of confidence.

These principles are relatively simple to comprehend and the solutions to the various problems which may arise are equally easy to deal with, given a clear understanding and careful application of the aforementioned principles. Ordinary common sense and good, sound judgement are two thirds of the battle and a working knowledge is the other third.

To simplify, there are two elementary problems involved in piloting: knowing your exact position at all times, and determining the course to steer to reach the destination which is your goal.

Before getting into some of the more advanced positioning techniques and the factors which affect the accuracy of your piloting, let's examine some of the additional instruments which will assist you in your efforts.

Though many of us tend to consider the depth-finder as primarily an aid in the pursuit of fish, it is also an excellent aid to navigation. The recording variety,, which gives you a graphic picture of the bottom structure, is far superior to the neon-display flasher type.

In sailing ship days, the instrument (if you could in truth call it an instrument) for determining speed was the chip log; a wooden chip, weighted at one end to float upright, which was heaved overboard at the end of the log line. As the line streamed over the taffrail, a glass timed its passage. When the sand in the glass ran out, the number of knots in the log-line which had passed over the stern was counted and the vessel's speed through the water determined thereby. This system dates to the 16th century and gave us the term "knots" as a measure of speed.

Early patent logs were streamed in a similar fashion, with the exception that a rotor determined the speed which was registered on a dial. Modern patent logs are an integral part of the boat and may employ a small rotor, a tube sensitive to the pressure of passing water (pilot tube), or a flexible strut to determine speed through the water. They are similar in appearance and function to the common marine speedometer, with two differences: they are more accurate, and many register accumulated miles travelled, which most common marine speedometers do not.

Remember that the patent log shows speed THROUGH THE WATER (subject to opposing or favoring currents), and NOT speed over the ground (SOG) which must be determined for purposes of accurate piloting. They also are quite inaccurate at sppeds below 5 knots. Despite shortcomings, the modern patent log is an essential for more advanced piloting.

Accurate timekeeping aboard ship is the very essence of accurate piloting, and rare indeed is the common wristwatch sufficient for any but the most cursory work. The marine chronometer differs from an ordinary clock in that is is possessed of extraordinary accuracy.

Perfection being beyond the grasp of mortal man, the chronometer is subject to minor error. This error may be determined and allowed-for in our calculations; it is known as the chronometer's "rate." With the advent of quartz timepieces, the rate of chronometers has shrunk to the point where it may be all but ignored by the average coastwise pilot, providing the instrument is properly adjusted from the outset and is periodically checked.

Radio direction finding was discussd in the earlier column, leaving two important electronic aids which may or may not find a place aboard your craft, depending upon the size of the vessel and the bulge in your wallet. Automatic tracking display Lorans run from $1700 up, and Radars from $2500.

Loran relies on paired signals from two separate transmitting stations to fix position—those numbered lines on your chart are Loran lines. Radar transmits and receives its own signals which "reflect" solid objects to present a graphic picture of seascape and shoreline on their cathode ray tube display screens; they are of immense value in fog and other conditions of limited visibility.

Those interested in more detailed description of the workings of Loran and radar may consult "The Navigators—Part II," by yours truly, L.I.F. Vol. 9 #3. Jan. 17 '74.

Having examined the tools of the trade as it were, we may move on to the factors which effect your craft as it attempts to make good its charted course. The first to be contended with is tidal current; it may merely impede or hasten your progress if it is flowing either directly with or against your track, but if it intersects your course at an angle, it will alter the track you are making good unless allowed for.

Wind is the other fly in the ointment, and it will effect your course in the same manner as current. Deep-draft boats are particularly sensitive to current while shallow-draft craft (particularly those with a great deal of freeboard or much superstructure) are more effected by the wind.

Taken together, wind and current produce a course variation known as leeway, which must be allowed for in order to make good your charted course accurately.

Unlike wind, current is a predictable factor, and you may determine its set and speed by consulting the tidal current table, a government publica-

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The length of time it will take you to reach your destination will determine how long you will be under the influence of this current: 2 hour run, 1 ½ knot current—total offset = 3 nautical miles. Take your dividers and measure this distance on the line representing current set, and draw another line from this point to your destination, giving you a shallow triangle on the chart. This last line is the course to steer, as you have now allowed for the leeway.

Time, speed and distance are crucial factors in accurate piloting. The length of time you can expect to run on a given coure before reaching your objective determines your estimated time of arrival (ETA); merely a matter of curiosity if you are running from one point directly to another, but critically important if you plan a course change or dogleg at some hypothetical point where there are no visible objects to take bearings on; here is where your chronometer comes in.

Speed over the ground (SOG), as opposed to speed through the water, is what is of importance, and to determine it the factors of wind and current must be applied to the speed your patent log registers. Bearings, either visual or electronic, will help you to check on your progress and verify the speed you are actually making-good.

Distance travelled becomes a simple matter of multipying the speed you are making-good by the length of time run on a course, once you know the first factor. There are no signposts on the open sea, and you must rely on electronic aids to navigation if you wich to check on the accuracy of your reckoning.

There are many, many more facts the mariner should know before he can pilot his craft with total assurance, but space will not permit me to go into them here. This article is really only an appetizer and not a meal; if I have stimulated the interest of some to pursue the subject in greater depth, I will have performed my function.

I would suggest consulting such government publications as the Coast Pilot, and Charles F. Chapmans definitive book: "Piloting, Seamanship and Small Boat Handling." Anyone wishing to receive extensive instruction in the subject should consult his local squadron officers with a view to enrollment in the advanced piloting courses offered by The United States Power Squadrons.

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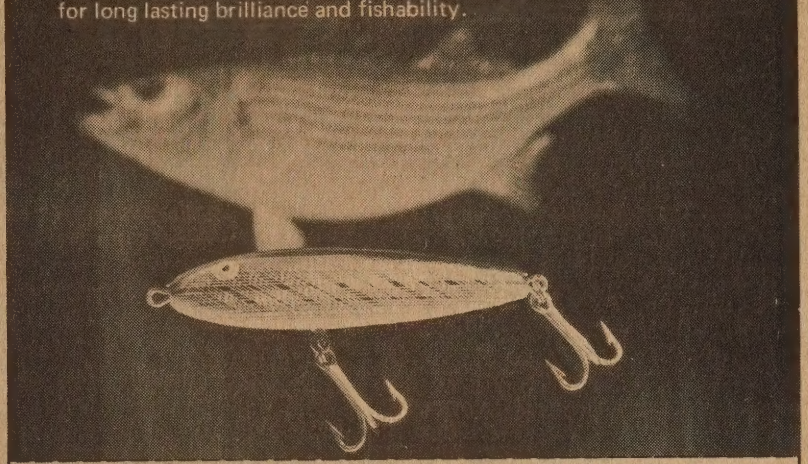

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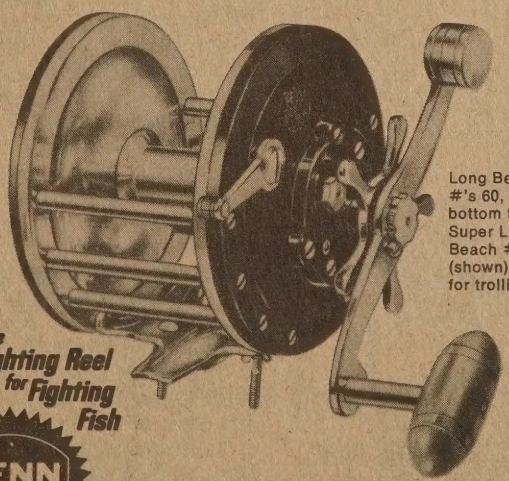

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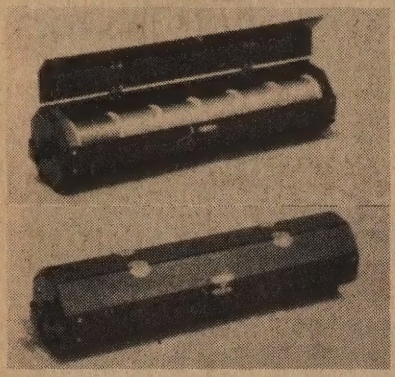

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State Channel Bass

by Ed Haring

It seems as though each time you read an article on striped bass chumming you are told what equipment to use, how to place the clams on the hook, and how to "slowly squeeze one or two bellies in your hand and let them, and their natural juices, drift with the tide". Now all of this is fine, and most of it is true, but the writers never seem to give us an indication on where the bass are so we can try their techniques.

A good place to fish for stripers is the State Boat Channel that runs from the Rockaways to Fire Island. I truly believe this body of water holds a fantastic number of stripers, and not all schoolies, as each year quite a number of fish in the 40# and 50# class come out of the deep hole at the east entrance to Zach's Bay, as an example.

Of course if one was to check the fishing log of my boat, the *Striper Swiper*, you'd swear that the population isn't as great as I lead you to believe.

One of the big problems in fishing the State Channel is finding the time when there is little boat traffic. This puts daybreak and after sundown at the top of the list. Except for July and August there really is not too much boat traffic in the evenings, or at least not enough to affect your fishing.

In selecting a spot to chum we have two alternatives. We can try the fairly well known areas that produce bass year after year, such as the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh Bridgs, the Meadowbrook Bridge, and the Robert Moses Bridge. (Try the 7th and 4th openings on the south side of the bridge for a start!) The hole in the State Channel just west of the State Channel Bridge at Captree also has its moments, and I don't think I saw half a dozen people fishing it all year.

Many times these areas are crowded with other anglers and "regulars". (I'm not sure if this phrase came about by a person who regularly catches striped bass, or by a person who regularly fishes for them but never catches anything). In any case, if these areas are crowded, please use common sense and courtesy in fishing them, or go find your own "secret" spot.

In selecting your "secret" spot to chum, certain conditions should be considered. What you want to find is an area where a fairly good size drain empties into the State Channel. A drain is a small stream-like body of water that runs through the islands surrounding the channel. Most of these are natural run-offs, but many appear to be man-made to help irrigation or run-offs. (Does anyone know if these straight line drains are, in fact, man-made, and if so when?)

These drains range in size from 12" to seven or eight feet wide and can snake their way through the island for quite a distance. Try and pick a drain that still has four or five inches of water in it at low tide, (many are completely dry at ebb tide) and three to six feet wide.

The next step, and this is a difficult one, is finding the type of drain described above where the water is fairly deep right up to the bank. If you can come up with 3½ to 4 feet of water (or more) right at the bank at high tide you have an excellent spot. There are not too many areas where you can find these two conditions and it may take a few days of searching.

Haunts Creek in the Bellmore area is one such place where you have these two conditions. Also try the Tobay area in your searching. (Incidently, Haunts Creek is an excellent place to try plugging bass. If you don't get any action casting from the boat towards the bank, beach the boat and cast from shore parallel to the bank. It's really a great place).

After you pick your area to chum, turn your attention to the tide, and again this is very important. You can fish for five hours without so much as

a bite and suddenly have a fisherman move in and catch a bass within 15 minutes because he has timed the tide right. Most "regulars" say 1½ hours before and 1½ hours after high tide is the best time. With the type of fishing described here, I'll go out on a limb and say high tide and the first hour of the outgoing is the best.

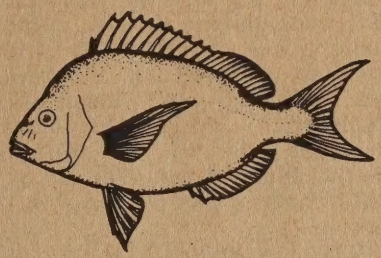
The theory is that the bass are waiting at the end of the drain for all the grass shrimp, killies, and sand eels that must vacate the area as soon as the tide starts running out. Remember, the drain will be almost void of water at low tide, so all the baitfish in the drain will be leaving for the safety of the State Channel. The stripers just set right on the bottom where the drain meets the State Channel and wait for the chow to come running out.

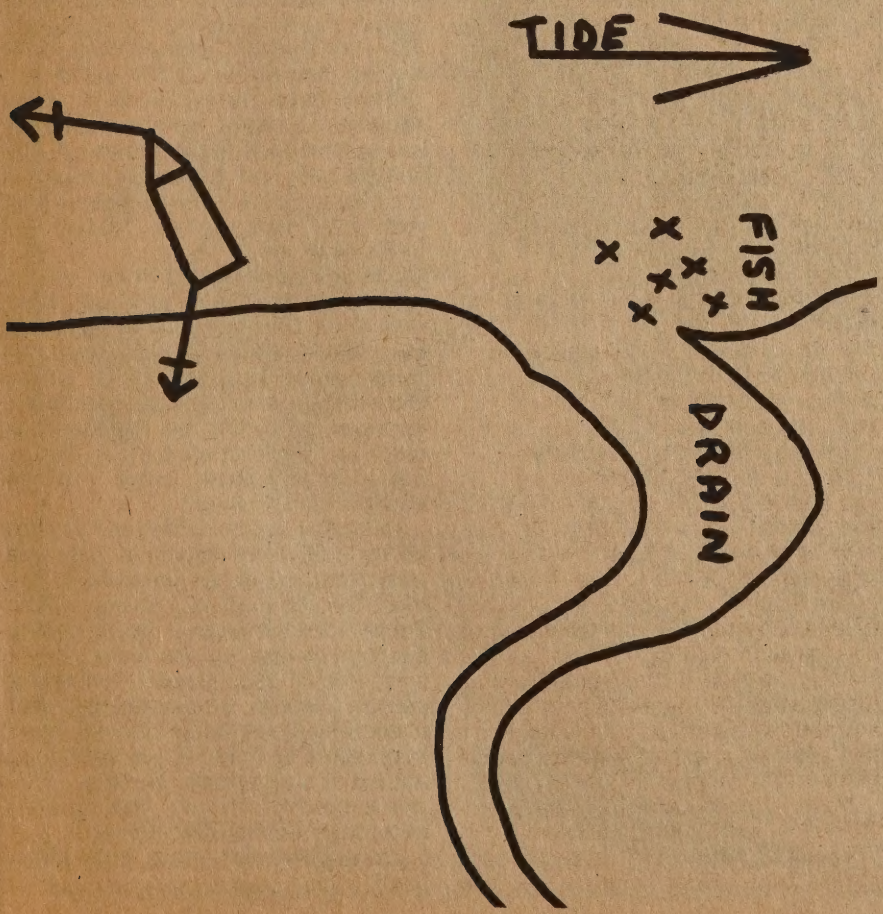
The final step to catching Mr. Linesides is the positioning of your boat. You have spent hours, and in many cases days, finding the drain described and figuring out the tide, so you don't want to miss the fish because the boat is in the wrong position.

Anchor about 100 to 150 feet from the point where the drain meets the State Channel, and three to four feet from the bank. (See illustration.) You must have your chum end up in the apex of the drain and the State Channel. Many times it is necessary to use two anchors to get situated properly, and one can be thrown on the bank.

Thats all there is to it. Start chumming, fishing and praying. If you don't catch fish at that drain, start looking for another spot and another day, but don't give up trying. You are not going to catch fish drinking a beer and watching TV!

And please remember that the majority of bass you catch chumming this way will be small (4-5 lbs.). They are good eating and also a good size to tag. Tag and release as many fish as you can.





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Fluke Fishing in June

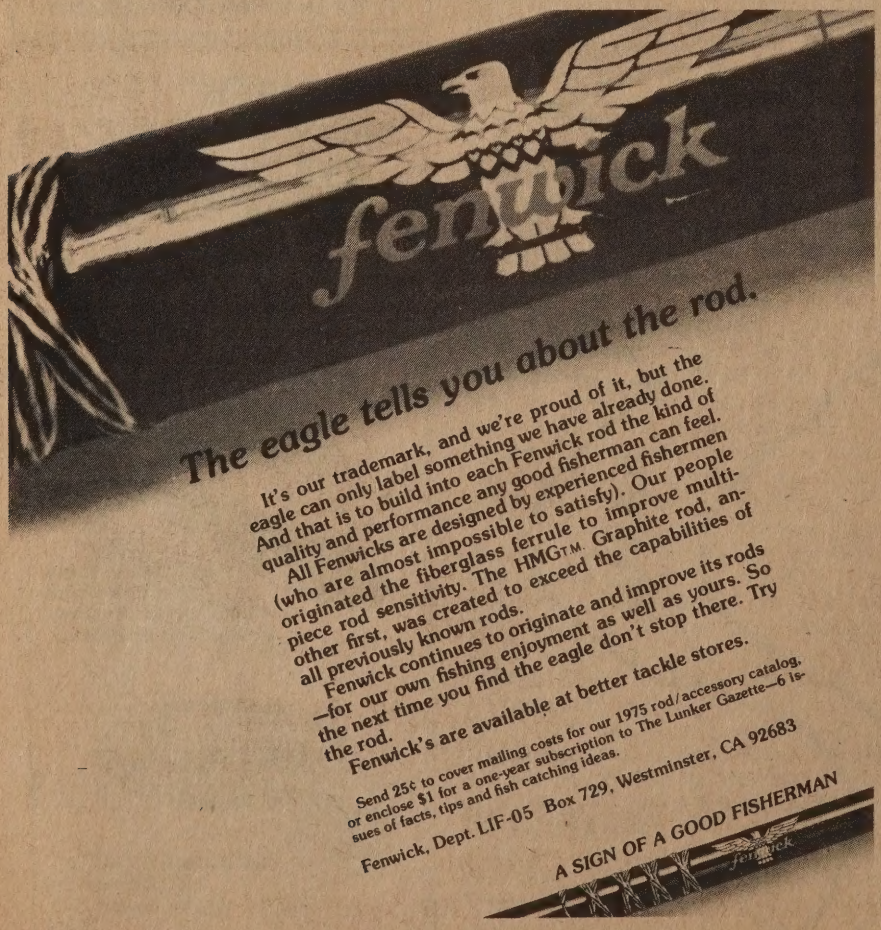
by Matt Ahern

Fluke go anywhere in search of food, and by July they will have found the areas where the pickings are best. But before this they will be prowling the deepest to the shallowest parts of bays and creeks. They've got to satisfy that ever-present hunger. All of which makes it easy for the June fisherman.

For this early fishing, I use a medium-weight spinning rod and matching reel filled with a least a hundred yards of good quality 15 pound test monofilament line. My rigging choice for these June fluke is one I've been using successfully for years. It's just an ordinary three-foot leader of 20 pound test mono to which is snelled a 4/0 Sproat hook. Placed two inches above a bank sinker of suitable weight, with or without a three-way swivel, it's a great fluke-catcher.

A word about the all-important fluke leader. I'm not too keen about these presnelled two-foot jobs offered to fishermen; a three-foot leader catches more fluke. The idea of a leader is to impart action to the bait, not to keep it away from the main line, as many think. Fluke aren't line-shy.

If you are having difficulty securing these longer leaders, avoid using monofilament line as a substitute. It will curl and twist, causing you no end of frustration. Use a two-footer if necessary, but waste no time in finding the correct size. If you can't find monofilament leader material locally, write to Midland Tackle Company, 66 Route 17, Sloatsburg, New York 10974, and request their free catalog. It lists various weights of leader material in forty-two inch lengths, which is just right for your fluke fishing. When snelled with the hook of your choice and finished professionally with a Perfection Loop, your leader will be 36'' long.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You say you don't know how to snell hooks? Shame on you. That's easily rectified, though. Refer to LIF Vol. 37—1974 and read ''Terminal Tackle and Hook Snelling''. If you haven't a copy, check page three of this issue for information on securing back numbers. Not only will you have fun tying your own rigs, you'll save a bundle, too.

I never use fluke spinners. I know many fishermen who do, and they catch fish, but they'd catch more if they left the flashers in the tackle box. In my opinion, anything that detracts from the bait's natural action is excess baggage and going to cost you fish.

As mentioned, I prefer a Sproat hook for fluke though most fishermen seem to prefer 3/0 to 5/0 long-shanked Carlisle or Kirby hooks. I use them occasionally when wreck fishing and expecting doormats, but that's all. I find that the lighter Sproat allows more bait action, especially when fishing with live killies. The killie is able to swim about with the light-weight Sproat, but its often anchored with the heavier hook. When fluke fishing, bait activity is the secret.

Most fluke fishing is done while drifting, so sinker weight should be heavy enough to hold bottom. If any weight over four ounces is required, it's best to use a medium-weight boat rod. Any type sinker except the pyramid is okay.

I find that when drifting slowly, moderately-fast jigs produce more fish. It isn't necessary to jig high, just keep that bait hopping in short spurts. When at anchor, especially during slack-water periods, better results are obtained when the bait is jigged as much as three feet off bottom. This is best accomplished when fishing straight up and down.

If the rate of drift is fast and you are having difficulty catching fish, try this: Cast as far as possible in the direction the boat is moving. When the sinker hits bottom, begin jigging the reel to take up the slack. You'll soon learn the proper reel-speed needed. There is something about presenting a bait in this fashion that is irresistable to fluke. If you're fishing aboard a party boat, however, you won't be able to use this method because of casting restrictions.

Fluke fishermen use a wide selec-

tion of baits: live killies, spearing, sand eels, fluke belly, squid, strips cut from scrap fish. If there is a choice bait among this selection, it has to be a lively, light-green killie about two inches long. When fluke fishing, large baits do not necessarily mean you'll catch the most or largest fish. Unless you are fishing around the offshore wrecks or ocean beaches, you'll do better with small killies.

Killies can be hooked through both lips or through the mouth and out the gill cover. I believe the latter method is best. If a fluke seizes a lip-hooked killie in the process of being jigged off bottom, it is easily stolen. By hooking through the gill cover, the fluke must engulf the entire fish.

Never hook a killy through the back when drifting or trolling. You'll only succeed in twisting and snarling the line. Besides, no self-respecting fluke would dare approach a killie spinning through the water like a propeller.

No finer fish bait exists than a well-prepared strip of sea robin. It's tough; it's not unusual to catch a half-dozen fluke with the same piece before it's too ragged for further use.

Preparation is easy and takes but a few seconds. Don't scale. Use a sharp knife and make a cut to the backbone, just aft of the vent. Run the knife along the bone to the tail and slice through. Repeat on the other side. Slice each piece in half, saving the white or lightest colored side. Approximately every fifteen minutes, put on a fresh piece. It's important to keep this bait as appealing as possible.

Most sea robin strips will be three or four inches long, which means you should give the fluke time to get it down. I can't tell you exactly when to strike; luke hit fish strips differently than live bait. What works for me may not necessarily work for you.

When using fish bait, you will seldom feel a "bite" in the true sense of the word. What you will feel is sudden weight. Just give the fish a few seconds to get it down, then raise the rod tip with a strong lift.

Fluke can be caught by trolling through the shallows. If you decide to give it a whirl, it's best to use an old, medium-weight rod with a stiff tip to combat the strain put upon it by the boat's motion through the water. Many a good spinning rod has been ruined due to much trolling.

Rigging is the same as for other fluke fishing, with a two-ounce sinker working out well. Baits preferred are squid strips and live killies. Artificial lures, such as the Bill Upperman bucktails, with or without a piece of squid as an added enticer, will often put fish in the bucket. Troll just fast enough to keep the bait above bottom. Hugging bottom will cause you the annoyance of frequent fouling.

There are times when the fisherman can neither drift nor troll. That is when the smart fisherman looks into the possibilites of still-fishing. Select a spot on the flats bordering a deep channel. Reynold's Channel is one, especially near buoy nine. Other good spots are the tail ends of submerged sand bars.

Cast around the boat, jigging and reeling the bait along the bottom. Don't spend too much time in one spot without results. Fluke must be hunted, since they have their choice feeding areas in each locality.

A chum pot filled with bunker chum is a big help. When using one, don't cast too far from the boat. The closer you fish to the pot, the better will be the results. When using the chum pot, be sure to jiggle it occasionally to disperse the goo into the tide. Stick it out awhile when using chum; catch one fluke and more will follow.

Don't forget a net. You'll need it in June.

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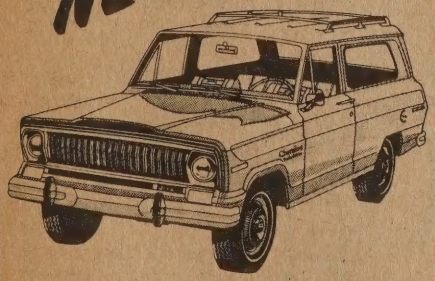

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Surf Side

with Doc Muller

Weather Science For Surfcasters Part II: Weather Winds

The pattern of the winds changes from season to season. These winds improve the fishing in some cases, destroy it at other times, and constantly change the face of the beaches.

Each spring the prevailing southwesterlies build up the south shore beaches after strong northwest and east winds have stripped away much of the intertidal sand during the winter.

The shifting sands rejuvenate the habitat and the organisms in the sand can make new homes and uncover new sources of food. The complex distribution of bars, troughs, cuts and even the slope of the beach can be changed, creating new rips and interesting channels for the movement of bait on and off the beach.

The process is not unique to the south shore beach either, although the patterns of change are less severe and consequently more local elsewhere.

The rocks, boulders and reefs of the north shore are more resistant to change, but the sand along the cove beaches moves around a great deal between summer and winter and mussel bars may literally be destroyed by a few good winter storms. Yet they too are built up again by the few strong individual organisms that ride out the bad times. It's all perfectly sound from an ecological point of view: survival of the fittest and the rejuvenation of habitats.

Weather-caused winds are both compatible with seasonal local patterns and at the same time have quite different origins. The greater the contrast between air masses, the greater the velocity of the wind. The contrasting factors involve temperature, air pressure, humidity, size, and compactness. A compact, large, air mass of very low pressure next to a large, heavy, cold, high pressure air mass is likely to produce winds of gale force magnitude or even beyond. Imagine if you will the water that flows down the drain in your sink, and compare its behavior with the water emptying out of a bath tub or any other basin with a large drain opening. The water rushes in a circular path, faster and faster, creating a vortex that may be deep enough to suck air into the drain opening. The bigger the drain the faster the flow. Consider the following:

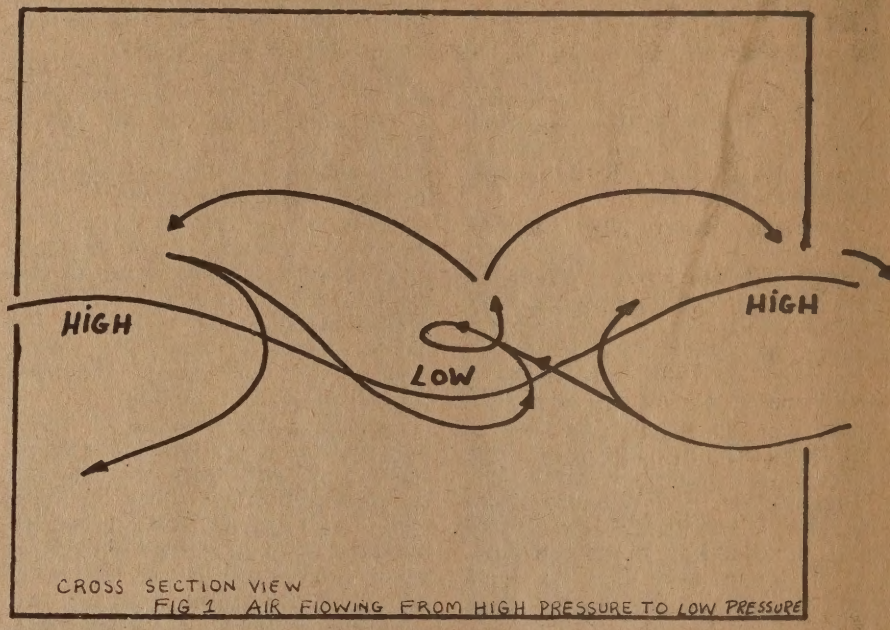

FIG 1 AIR FLOWING FROM HIGH PRESSURE TO LOW PRESSURE

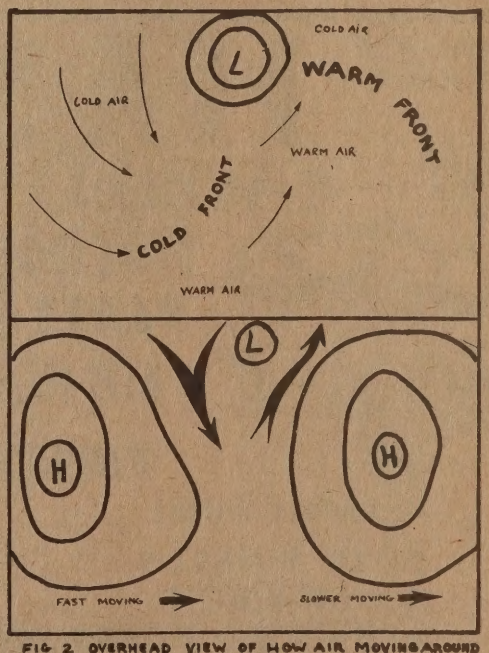

FIG 2 OVERHEAD VIEW OF HOW AIR MOVING AROUND AIR MASSES CREATES WIND AND WEATHER PATTERNS OVER AN AREA HUNDREDS OF MILES IN DIAMETER

The air rushes off the "dome" of high pressure into the deep "hole" in the atmosphere (low) in an attempt to fill the void.

Conditions like these may signal a south shore surf clam hunt or the beginnings of the fall baitfish migration, and a working knowledge helps the fisherman to take advantage of these events as they happen rather than hear about them from someone else.

Winds then are related to changes in air pressure and changes in air temperature.

The Long Island FISHERMAN

FISHING TRIP CONTEST

The Long Island Fisherman is holding a contest where our readers can win a fishing trip for two on the open boat of their choice and a $10 cash prize. All the fisherman has to do is stop in at one of the 45 convenient locations listed below and pick up an L.I.F. litter box for the rear window of his car. Each week the license plate number of a car spotted with a litter box will be published—if it's yours, just call *The Fisherman* by 5 P.M. that Friday and tell us the make and model of the car and you're a winner! If no call is received by the deadline, the cash prize will accumulate.

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Springtime Blackfish

Capt. Bob Schavel

The roar of the engines was just beginning to lull me back into my already once-disturbed sleep when I heard the rumble decrease in intensity. I looked up to see twenty men scramble to their places along the rail and hear someone say that the captain had found the wreck. I knew that if I was to keep my place I would have to move quickly.

As I cleared the cabin door I heard the single blast of the horn signaling that fishing was to begin. I reached the rail and noted that a cold, damp rain was now lightly falling. Baiting up quickly, I sent the rig plumetting to the bottom. I glanced to the side of me to see a well-buckled rod and then a nice fish. Hearing a yell, I turned around to see a doubleheader come over the rail; two big blacks, each about four pounds. A good catch!

And then, all at once, I felt a hard, solid bite. As quickly as I could, I set back hard and felt the weight of a good fish struggling to reach bottom. After a few minutes of strong battle I brought to the rail a nice black of about five pounds—my first ever caught.

From then until we left the action was fast and varied, consisting of several species of fish including ling, cod, whiting and, of course, blackfish. I ended that part of our trip with eight blacks of all sizes and a ling of about three pounds, making it a reasonably successful day.

The blackfish, or tautog, lives around rocks and wrecks both inshore and offshore. His diet consists of all types of crustaceans and mollusks. He has an excellent set of teeth which are used to crush his food, and a set of rubbery lips that make him an excellent bait stealer. His bites come hard and fast and he is a terrific fighter. Fish of ten or more pounds are not unusual, but blacks average about six or seven offshore and two to three inshore. Imagine a large, heavy, very muscular fish with a bony head, and a taste unmatches when baked. He has very large scales and is easier skinned then scaled.

There are several baits for blackfish; they like and will eat all of them. My particular favorite is skimmer clams, but the most-often used bait is probably fiddler crabs, with green crabs running a close second. But as I said, my favorite bait is skimmers cut in half. If you do use green crabs, cut them in quarters and hook them through the leg holes. Hook fiddlers the same way, too. It is necessary to wait a few bites before setting the hook with crabs, otherwise you won't hook your fish: You'll succeed in pulling out of his mouth before he has a chance to get it in solidly.

With clams, though, the opposite is true. Speed is of the essence. The saying goes, if you think that a fish is even breathing on it, set back hard. Of course, you should try to react as fast as you can (after you feel the first tap) and as hard as you can, to insure that vise-mouth doesn't tear your clam bait off.

Rigs for blacks consist of about thirty sinkers (snags happen often) and a package of Virginia number four hooks. My favorite rig has two hooks and a sinker that will just hold bottom. One hook is set exactly on the loop tied for the sinker, the other is set about one foot above. I bait these a special way, by putting a stringy bait (the guts of a clam) on the bottom and a harder bait (the ribbon) on the top hook. Move your rig occasionally, but don't overdo it. Try to keep contact with the bottom as much as possible when you are not bouncing—too much movement will scare them off.

Tackle for blackfish should be heavy and in good shape; these fish fight hard and can keep you going for a long time. Your line should be thirty pound mono or greater offshore, and around 25 pound mono inshore. The need for heavy line comes from the sharp rocks you will be fishing among.

Strong, steady pressure is the key: Every time you pull on him you make that hook hole bigger and give him a better chance of escaping your plate. Remember to keep your line tight, and be careful of his teeth when you unhook him.

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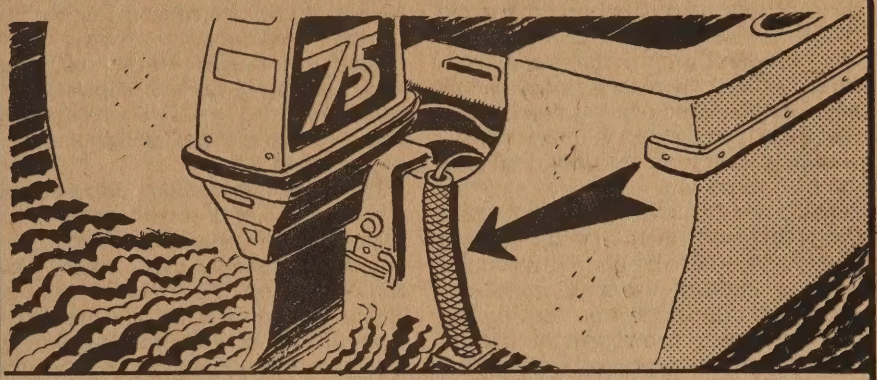
FISHING & BOATING NEWS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

FRESHWATER BLACK BASS CAN CLOBBER A LURE IN THE DARK OF NIGHT BECAUSE THEY ARE DIRECTED BY THEIR LATERAL LINE WHICH ACTS AS A KIND OF RADAR TO PUT THEM ON TARGET WHEN VISION IS RESTRICTED.

CONSIDERED AMERICA'S TOP FRESHWATER GAME FISH, THE BASS SEASON OPENED JUNE 1 ON L.I. AND STATEWIDE, JUNE 21 - NOV. 30. DAILY LIMIT IS 6 BASS, MINIMUM SIZE 10 INCHES.

OUTSIDE BOAT STERN TRANSDUCER MOUNTS ARE OFTEN SUBJECT TO DAMAGE BECAUSE MONOFILAMENT LINE CAN CUT INTO THE CABLE RUINING THE DEPTH RECORDER. TO PREVENT THIS DAMAGE, RUN THE EXPOSED SECTION OF WIRE THROUGH A PIECE OF HOSE. HOSE CAN ALSO BE SPLIT LENGTHWISE AND TAPED OVER THE WIRE. TIP BY BAYSHORE ELECTRONICS MAN JOHN KOLEDA.



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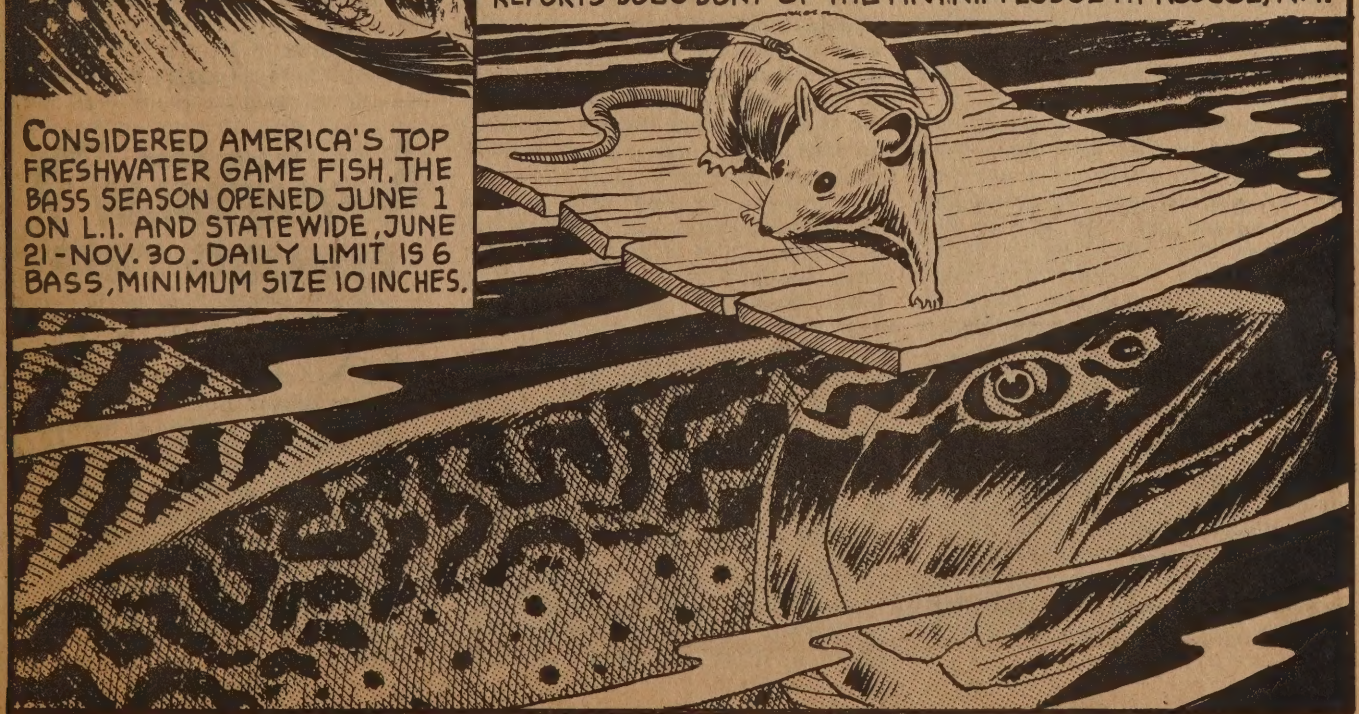
BIGGEST BROOK TROUT EVER CAUGHT - 9 LBS. CAME OUT OF JUNCTION POOL AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE BEAVERKILL AND WILLOWEMAC STREAMS. FOR YEARS THE BIG TROUT WAS *"THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY"* UNTIL AN OLD TIMER FLOATED A LIVE MOUSE DOWNSTREAM ON A PIECE OF BARK, REPORTS DOUG BURY OF THE ANTRIM LODGE AT ROSCOE, N.Y.



EDITOR'S HEAD
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dangerous situation before the operator can fully respond. You might not look at it as such, but your outboard gives you a power reserve with your boat that will enable you to react quickly when you must. There will be times when you will need this instant thrust and acceleration—and you will be in a position to provide it. You do "have a good combo," as you say.

1. With all things being the same, I would prefer running against waves than with them. Following seas have a habit of surprising you by either breaking over the transom, causing the boat to wallow by the stern, or by pushing your bow down a trough and into the next wave, effectly halting forward motion for an instant and possibly causing water to be taken over the bow. With an outfit like yours, you'll do some pounding when heading into the waves at high speed. Throttle back and take the bad ones more slowly.

2. Assuming there are no movements of water—strong currents—at slack tide (did you mean "slack water" or "high and low tides?), this is the time to go. The less the movement of water, the safer you will be at any time—but beware of shifting bar conditions so you don't run aground at full throttle.

3. The answer to #2 also covers #3.

4. As long as wave action remains moderate—generally not too long with stiff winds from any direction—there should be no problems running an inlet. Expect to get buffeted about with your light rig, but you've got enough power to keep the boat heading in the direction you want to go. I would not go out a relatively calm inlet when strong winds are present; it might become impossible to get back in later on.

5. The most comfortable way to take waves is to quarter into them—your 45° angle. You could take them head on, but your boat (and you) would take a beating and you might end up with your bow in a wave, taking water. Remember to throttle down; don't take waves at high speed: You don't have the boat for it—especially in following seas.

6-7. The best—safest—way to beach a boat in the surf is to ride a wave in, just behind the crest, under power and bow-first. As soon as the wave drops it on the beach, waste no time in jumping out and pulling the boat up on the beach as far as you can, otherwise wave-action will wreck it. If it's a matter of personal safety, get away from the boat fast and forget about it. You can always buy another one!

8. The first thing to do is a "don't". Don't panic! With a preserver on, you know you will at least stay afloat, and that should be the major calming factor. The next problem to overcome is to get out of the water.

You can assume that, under severe weather conditions, you're on your own, so I would recommend kicking—swimming for shore. Problem: unfortunately, waves are not currents. Waves move objects in a vertical plane, while tidal currents move objects in a roughly horizontal plane. You absolutely cannot depend upon waves to bring you into shore unless you can ride the crests like a surfer, and you can't!

Currents more along parallel with the beach and every so often, depending on bottom contour and opposing currents, will head away from the beach. This is where you get severe undertow which is caused by a large volume of water moving through a region of relatively small cross-sectional area. While you may be able to swim against the drift parallel to the beach, you will not be able to swim against the undertow; don't even try, for you'll soon exhaust yourself.

Instead, should you happen to be in the water in an undertow area, let it carry you out until it no longer is pushing you away from the beach. Then, move down-current parallel to the beach and work your way into shore away from the undertow. You can do all this simply by maintaining a cool head and doing what must be done to ensure your survival. Most panic is caused by not knowing what to do; now that you have a plan, stick to it and you'll be all right.

9. If you are far away from shore, a sea-anchor will keep the wind from blowing your light rig all over. If the wind is blowing onshore, you're in better shape than if it was an offshore wind; at least you will be moving in the right direction, though you have no reason to rejoice, being without power in rough seas.

Whether you use oars with a sea anchor depends upon the direction in which you're heading and your physical condition. If you are heading toward the beach at a satisfactory rate, and you're not in any immediate danger (though you may be uncomfortable in heavy seas), don't bother rowing except to keep your bow facing oncoming seas. If you're heading in the wrong direction, see if rowing toward safety will help; if it does, keep at it—but don't exhaust yourself because you might need that energy later.

If nothing you do will help move you toward shore, drop your anchor and await help. I would not abandon the boat. If it is equipped with the required floatation, it won't sink. Should your boat turn over, stay with it.

10. Removing all dead weight—motor, gas, gear, etc.—will make the boat lighter so it will ride higher on the water. But this will also make your aluminum craft, very wind-sensitive to begin with, even more sensitive and difficult to maneuver—perhaps not a desirable condition at this time. It's hard to make a proper evaluation unless you know the exact conditions that would be present, but which were made can be only armchair rhetoric.

In my answers I've tried to be as specific as possible without getting overly involved with additional factors that would be present, but which wore not mentioned in the letter. I've also tried to relate physical phenomena as they would apply to your attempts at returning safely to *terra firma*. It's certain, though, that many criticisms will be made about my responses due to people's individual experiences both on the water and in the armchair. My own experiences with a rig identical to the one you are using would lead me to the courses of action I have outlined.

Experience is the only teacher, though I would not recommend running into rough water before you have thoroughly familiarized yourself with the operation and handling of your particular outfit under a variety of less severe situations. Not only will you learn the limitations of yourself and your rig; you will also build up confidence in your abilities. Note: I said "confidence"; it is unnecessary to display bravado and foolishness to the sea. She will take your life.

I sincerely hope you will never have to use anyone's advice about what to do in the emergencies you described in your letter.

Glenn Ostard

The Long Island FISHERMAN

FISHING TRIP CONTEST

Elmer Gies of Merrick called in to L.I.F. a description of his car by the Friday deadline to become the first L.I.F. litter box contest winner. Elmer has been sent a check for $10 and has also chosen a free fishing trip for two aboard the Starstream II in Freeport for his prize. For information as to how you may participate in the contest, see page 19.

SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

MONTAUK

The L.I.F. staff enjoyed a charter this last Thursday aboard Capt. Paul Sundberg's **Montauk**. Amongst other fish Doc Muller boated 3 unidentifiable horrible looking red fish. Even Doc, a marine biologist was puzzled as to what these fish were and has taken them back to his undergroung laboratory for analysis. Mike Zarella and publisher Rich Reina even caught fish. Of course, Stu Miller was hi-hook.

Ronnie D'Albora of the **Gone Fishing Marina** said that bass fishing is great for both trollers and these diamond jigging in the rips. Seabass and blackfish are in heavy at Inner Shagwond and Washington Shoals. Fluke are showing in the various rips and shouls be solid for this weekend. Very nice flounder activity in Montauk Lake and larger fish off Cull oden Point.

"Bass fishing tremendous," is the word from **Tuma's Tackle**. The charterboats are now averaging 30 to 35 fish 10 to 40 lbs. for a half day trip. A few bluefish are starting to show in the catches.

Capt. Dick Vigilant of the **Triton II** confirmed the spectaculat bass blitz. Average catches are running 20 fish and up per trip, all big fish. Trolling and diamond jigging are both scoring. Fluke are off to a good start with 4 to 5 fish per man. The pool winner on Saturday was a 9½ lb. doormat, and over 50% of the fish are over 5 lbs. Strip baits of squid and sundials produce, but sand eels are preferred. Dick said that all waters around Montauk are loaded with sand eels and the bass and fluke are gourging on them. Many large seabass are also around.

L.I.F. staff member **Scott Simons** spent Sunday practicing the fine points of fog navigation with his Grady White Overnighter. During the periods of orientation, Scott scored with an 8 lb. doormat fluke among others. The fluke are now taking sand eels exclusively, which they are feeding on. Strip baits also produce but considerably less. Scott also took a 14 lb. bass on one of Lupo's new Danny Plugs, the 2 oz. deep casting and trolling version in white. One other bass was hooked and dropped before the school lost their way in the fog and couldn't locate Scott again. This looks like a hot plug for Montauk casting and trolling when the fish are deep.

Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Star** reported excellent codfishing on Saturday and fair action on Sunday. Cod are running 12 to 15 lbs. with the pooler in the 30's and a few pollack are mixed in. This is Cox's Ledge, now only a 2½ to 3 hr. run. The Viking Star will make a tilefish and cod trip to nantucket on June 15th with a 7 P.M. departure. Fare is $60, call for reservations.

The **Peconic Queen II** has been fishing off Shark's Ledge with excellent results all week long. Average is 28 to 32 fish a man. John Hvizdak of Bayonne, N.J., took the $207 pool Sunday with a 48 lb. cod. Saturday was only fair due to wind and fog conditions.

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George DiCola and Bill Ellis with 72 snowshore flounder 1½ to 4 lbs. 4 oz. they took at Tobaccolot Bay from a rental skiff of the Promised Land Fishing Station. Eleven of the fish weighed in at over 3 lbs.

that got through the fog and rain to Tobaccolot Bay scored with up to 30 snowshoes 1½ to 3 lbs. Plenty of blackfish 2 to 8 lbs. still off Eastern Plains Point. Flounder have been hitting on outgoing water and at the change of the tides best. Porgies should start filtering in to the area in the next few weeks.

SAG HARBOR

Noyac Marina rported lousy weather and fishing over the weekend. Some bluefish have arrived in the area and seem to have spooked the weakfish a little. Best areas for weaks are now the Monastery and Short Beach. Still some big bonus fluke coming in with the catches. No kingfish or blowfish yet.

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows of the **Capt. Clark** boats said that the weakfishing is slowing and no longer the big fish bonanza. Summer weakfish of 1 to 2 lbs. are beginning to come in and should be all over in another 8 to 10 days. Porgies are improving every day, as are kings and blacks between Nassau Point and Jessup's Neck.

Altenkirch Tackle said that the weekend fishing was down for weaks and porgies in Peconic Bay. A 4 lb. 2 oz. humpback porgy was weighed in on Thursday. Fluke are in Shinnecocl Bay in the channels and all over. Small bluefish 2 to 3 lbs. are spread all over the bay and are being taken on plugs and Hopkin's or trolling. Fluke also in the Canal. Not many bass around.

HAMPTON BAYS

Fran Muller of **frank's Fishing Station** said that fluking has been very good at East Channel on sand eels with squid or live killies. Flounder are holding up at buoy 20, evidenced by the catch made by Joe Salvato, Darren Comora and Steve Stamber, who took 200 flounder 1 to 1¼ lbs. Bluefish are being taken in the bay in the morning casting around the Ponquogue Bridge.

Bradley's Fishing Station reports lots of fluke butmany are undersized. Best areas are East Channel and south of SHinnecock Canal. Fluke are hitting sand eels and squid through both tides, and a few bluefish are mixed in.

MORICHES BAY

Romona Seifert of the **Silly Lily Fishing Station** said that fluke have been very good since Wednesday. Boats are now averaging about 40 keepers up to 3 lbs. Saturday's fog made for poor fishing except for a few who knew their way around Killies or sand eels with squid are producing best drifting in the channel from buoys 36 to 39. Big flounder are being taken right in front of the station at buoys 34 and 35.

Ben at **Tadsen's Fishing Station** said that flounder fishing has picked up again right in front of the station at buoys 29 and 30 and in the West Cut. Fluke are spotty and not feeding right yet. Watch out for short fluke and long fines!

Pat Cole at **Moriches Bait & Tackle** said that bluefish are being taken on top at the Smith Point Bridge on the

John Wobst of Southampton took this 44½ lb. striped bass in Gardiners Bay on a white Lupo Danny Plug while trolling with John Garbowski. Both are members of the Hamptons Surf Club.

Gary Grunseuch of Glendale with 27 fluke to 3 lbs. he took drifting sand eels and squid between buoys 38 and 39 in Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Silly Lily Fishing Station.

east side on Stan Gibb's surface poppers. Fish are mixed sizes and there are not too many weakfish being taken since their arrival. Not many flounder left, but fluke are in good at the inlet up to six pounds.

Cerullo Brothers reported good flounder catches and buoys 29 and 32. Fluke are in the Old Cut on outgoing water, average catch on live killies or frozen sandeels 8 to 12 keepers per boat.

L&M Marine reported "lousy fishing" over the weekend due to the weather. Fluke are small with many throwbacks. For every keeper there is several shorts.

Skidmore's Fishing Station reported fluke in the Old Cut on killie and sand eel on incoming water. Flounder good off the Coast Guard Radio Station and buoy 39. Small bluefish all over the bay.

MASTIC BEACH

Ronnie at **Keenan's Fishing Station** tells us that blues are all over the place, to the tune of roughly 40 a boat. They've been hitting Rebels, small Hopkins, Shrimp lures, and poppers for the last 10 days, all tides. These are fish to 3 lbs. you can troll for or cast to these fish. Lots of fluke at buoys 24 and 25 on squid, sand eels and killies on a flooding tide to 5 lbs., though there are alot of short fish that should be returned to the water. Also, there is alot of blue claws in traps in the Channel.

Jared Jacobs, Robert Cherofski and Barry Weiner, Brooklyn, with the 77 flounder they caught at buoy 42 in Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

WEST SAYVILLE

Marty at **South Bay Fishing Station** reports weakfishing is terrrific at buoys 28 and 29 on outgoing water on artificial shrimp tipped with squid. Lots of spearing and shinners in the water. Blues ar in now and a few anglers had there rods pulled out of the boats this past week. THese are 2½ lb. class fish and they are taking cast and jigged shrimp lures. There are fluke between buoys 4 and 5 in the 2¼ lb. class, taking squid strips on an ebbing tide. A 4½ pounder was taken Saturday by Ed Mossman of N.Y.C. Lots of blue claws being brought up, though not big.

Young's Fishing Station reports alot of blues taken all week, with an 8½ pounder the largest. This was taken at buoy 4 by William Bauer of Commack on a Jig-a-Doo Lure, and fish are hitting most anything you throw at them. Weaks are still around, but tapering off. Buoys 4 and 5 off Heckscher are the spots. Porgies to 2 lbs. are in the buoy 4 area also. Lots of bunker in the water.

CAPTREE

The **Captree Bait Station** tells us of small blues under the Meadowbrook Bridge and at the Lighthouse on small Hopkins and Kastmasters, all tides. Fluke at the Meadowbrook Bridge Bar and the Overlook Pier and at Fisherman's Wharf and in fron of the Bait

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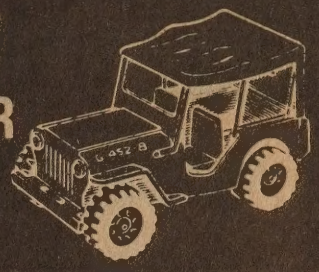

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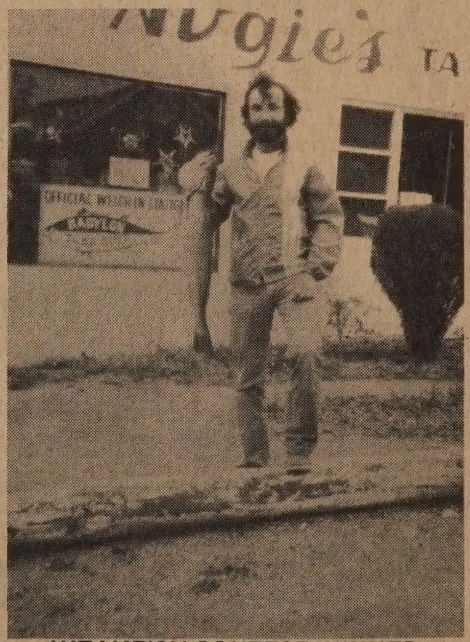
Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy V** said that fishing has picked up considerably and is now excellent off Heckscher State Park. The weakfish range from 1¾ up to 10 lbs. and are taking Salty Dogs. Speedy said that the 4:30 afternoon trip is doing slightly better than the day trip. Weakfishing should remain excellent for another 2 weeks.

Mrs. Litwin of the **Capt. Ben Litwin** said that the people showed up on Sunday but the fish didn't. Fluking was good on Saturday but very poor on Sunday. Fluking was fair during the week. There are plenty of throw-backs and many people are trying to sneak under-sized fish into their bags. Mrs. Litwin urged fishermen to return short fluke to the water.

The **Captain Scotty** said that weakfishing was good on Saturday with 80 to 90 fish ranging from 5 to 7 lbs. West Channel is producing weakfish and a few large fluke 5 to 6 lbs. on strip baits, killies and salty dogs. Night fishing was also good during the week with 50 to 80 weakfish a trip. The fish are schooling all over the bay—Dickerson's Channel, buoy 4, Heckscher State Park, etc. Many small fish 1 to 1½ lbs. were taken on Sunday.



WEAKFISH CONTEST WINNER
Max Coyle of Broad Channel holds the 8 lb. 10½ oz. weakfish that won him $500 in the first annual South Shore Marlin & Tuna Club's Weakfish Tournament. Max fished off Ocean Beach with the Kings Bay Striper Club on the "Dotty J." Photo courtesy of Augie's Bait & Tackle, Babylon.

BAY SHORE

Ronnie Dia and son Joe found a school of fish working on top right outside Bayshore Marina at buoy 1. Casting salty dogs with pork rind, they took 3 5 lb. weakfish and 2 small bluefish.

OAK BEACH

The Store reports much fluke, but most are short fish. The conservation officers are nailing alot of violators who are keeping fish under 14 inches so throw those babies back, baby. Saturday night saw a 2 hour striper blitz at the top of the flood at Democratic Point, fish to 8 lbs. on poppers. Divers are getting bass at the Sore Thumb, though these fish are favoring small blacks. (Bait fisherman take heed.) Small blues in the morning and at dusk at the Inlet with small Hopkins, shrimp jigs, and keep it deep. Try wire line and small umbrella rigs and you'll be eating fish.

BABYLON

Augie's Bait & Tackle informs us that there is good bluefishing at the Bell buoy up to 6 lbs., best on umbrella rigs. Few, but big blues are being chummed in 120' of water. There is good fluking at Snake Hill and West Channels on incoming tide, with sand eels, spearing, killies and squid. For weakfish try Heckscher's buoy 3. Weaks are also in Snake Hill and West Channel on incoming water, on shrimp jigs, Tri-Fins, and squid. Baby blues are at the Sore Thumb up to 3 lbs. on Rebels and small Hopkins.

Babylon Fishing Station reports that on Friday 30 fluke to 5 lbs. and 35 weakfish were taken at Dickerson Channels 4, 5, and 6 buoy by Don Goldberg and Joe Traina of Astoria, on killies for the fluke and floated sand worms for the weaks. All tides except slack produced well. (The exact spot is where Dickerson's and Snake Hill come together.)

LINDENHURST

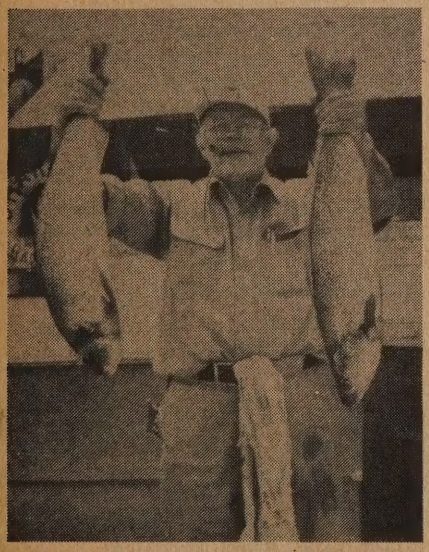
Ralph at **Surfside 3 Bait & Tackle** reports lots of blues at the Captree Bridge, 1 to 3 pounds, on artificials. Ralph arvises that if you anchor try dropping a small Top Banana to the bottom and reeling in fast. Fluke and blow fish are also making a good showing. The blues are hitting on all tides and a wide assortment of lures including trolled umbrella rigs.

Charlie's Bait & Tackle reports great fluke fishing from the Sore Thumb to the Fire Island Bridge on sand eels. Lots of throwbacks, but alot

of keepers to, all on incoming. Striped bass on wire line and white bucktails with pork rind are being jigged from the Caost Guard Station to the Bridge on incoming tide. Also white tubes on Sekora Umbrellas are doing a job. These are schoolies of 4 to 8 lbs. Blues 2 - 5 lbs. are hitting umbrellas nicely in the same area and in Steamboat Channel. There are plenty of blackfish on the inside Artificial Reef, to 3 lbs. on fiddlers, all tides. There are blue claws off the Town Docks.

AMITYVILLE

George at **George Combs Bait & Tackle** happily tells us that the blues and bass are in. Many are being caught trolling Sekora Triple-header Coat Hanger rigs from buoy 7 to the Sore Thumb. White and purple tubes are working best, with pink best for weaks, all tides. Bill Spraul on the Sandpiper mated for Ray Beneziano for 30 blues in Fire Island Inlet on Sekora tubes. Dick Rath of Massapequa nailed a 12 lb. 4 oz. blue on a Willarm bunker spoon in 30 feet of water southwest of Lido Beach. Stripers to 20 lbs. are being chummed off Tobay in the State Channel. Fluke is best from West Island to Wanser's Cut on killies and squid on the first of the flood. Weaks are best at Unqua Point and the mouth of Gilgo with shrimp chum and shrimp or sandworm on the hook. Lots of shrimp and killies in the water.



Fred Guardineer, L.I.F.'s own, hefts weakfish of 6 and 6½ lbs. he took on Salty Dog's tipped with squid. Photo courtesy of Charlie's Fishing Station, Babylon.

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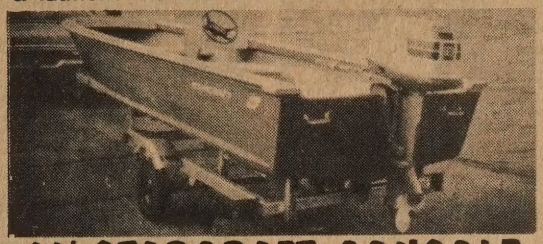

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N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

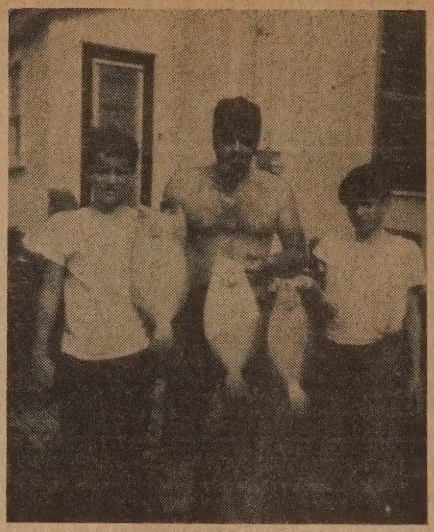
SEAFORD

Lon Wanser Bait & Tackle reports flounder are still around at Four Corners, the second Wantagh on incoming water for flounder freaks. Lon says the fluking is fantastic at West and Squaw Island, the Draw Bridge, Haunt's Creek, Zach's Bay and all over, mostly on a flooding tide. Spearing, killies, sand eels and squid are proving fatal. Fluke are running to 6 lbs. but you must return the midgets, and there are many. There are also many 2 and 3 lb. fish. Weaks are scattered throughout the bay, with hot spots at Unqua Point, the East-West Channel and the AMityville Cut on sand worms at night at the third bridge on shrimp lures. Stripers are good in the bay and State Channel with one angler nailing 23 schoolies on poppers. Best is A.M. hours in the Tobay area. Twelve pound class stripers are being trolled on the Lupo Danny Trolling plug and Lupo bunker spoons off the beaches in 40 foot of water. Surfcasters can get their share now at the Short Beach Coast Guard Station and West End.

Marty at **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** says there is plenty of fluke with lots of shorts mixed in. (Throw these back.) Keepers range from 3½ to 8 lbs., on killies, squid, sand eels, and squid tipped shrimp jigs. Hot spots are Four Corners, Fort Neck, the Bridges and Zach's Bay.

MERRICK

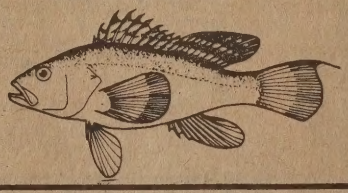
Jimmy at **Nick's Fsihing Station** reports that Attorney Lenny Baum of Merrick fished New Jersey bass this past week and landed a 35 lb. striper, with a 28 lb. striper falling to Dennis Rooney of East Meadow and a 20 pounder to Pete Wawerna of Massapequa, all fish taken on the gold



Joe Mazzella, left, brother Tony, right, and dad Pete, center, with 3 of the 20 fluke in the 2 to 4 lb. class they caught on sand eels and squid off Riis Park on their boat the "Mary Emma." L.I.F. Subscriber Club Photo.

colored Lupo Danny trolling plug. A couple of fish were dropped also. There's great fluke activity at Swift and Ned's Creek and at Merrick Point on high water. Eighteen inches is an average keeper. Return the short fish or risk $60 fines for the first baby and $25 for each additional midget.

The infamous **G. Korn** is now out of the hospital and resting a bit at home after his mild heart attack. He advises us that he will very shortly be out fluking, so I'm sure we'll have more of his one of a kind exploits to tell you about in upcoming issues.



FREEPORT

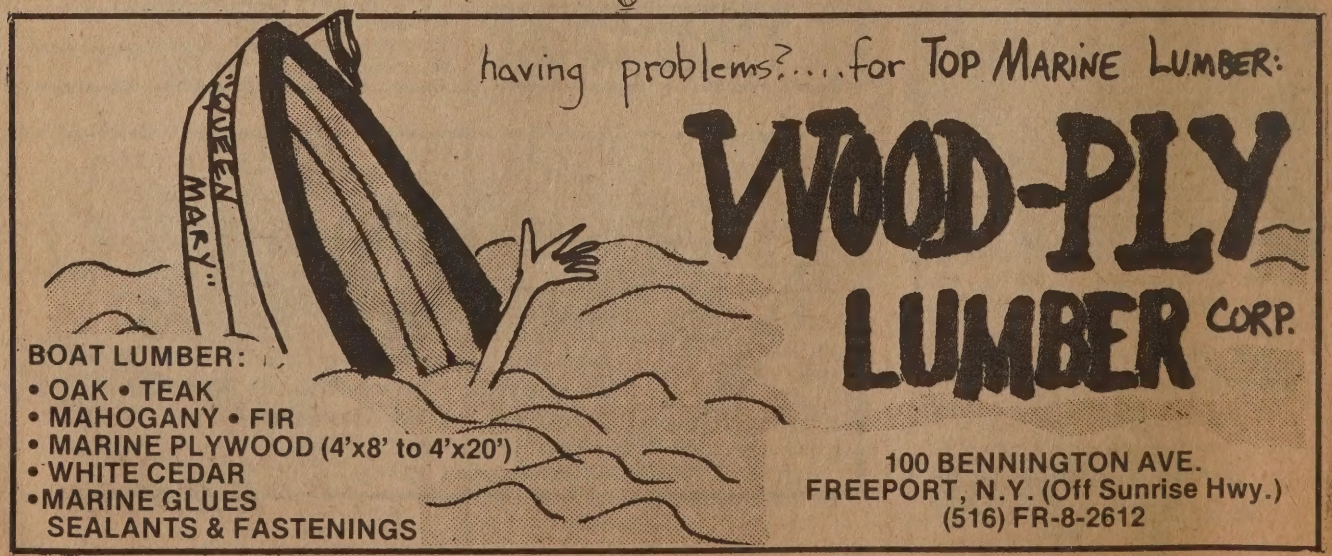
Jim Zook of the **Capt. Jim V** filled his fish box with fluke for a charter this past week where Reynold's Channel, Long Creek and the Inlet mouth converge. These fish went to 3½ lbs. and hit sand eels and squid on both tides. That was on windy, rainy Sunday.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports the fluke are going bananas and the best place for them is drifting the tides in Jones Inlet with sandeels, squid, killies. ANthony requests that all anglers observe the 14 inch limit.

The **Capt. Al** is doing very well on seabass and ling with a good showing of blackfish and also a few fluke. The seabass have been cooperative all week and have been brought in at mixed sizes, average 1½ lbs. Al is fishing local wrecks and the Fire Island reefs. He's waiting until the blues come in thicker, at which time he'll be blue fishing right through the season.

Capt. Johnny A, having sold the Jack VI has purchased a new boat **The Miss Freeport**. John had an excellent Saturday fluking, 75 out of 400 fish being keepers, fished at local areas and drifting Jones Inlet.

The **Starstream II** reports very good fishing for seabass and blacks through-out the week and weekend. Henry Hare of Brooklyn nailed a 4¼ lb. seabass on clam during the week. Capt. Richie is fishing Fire Island Reefs in addition to other eastern reefs and wrecks. He will swing to blues



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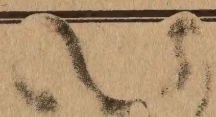

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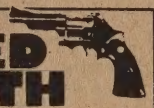

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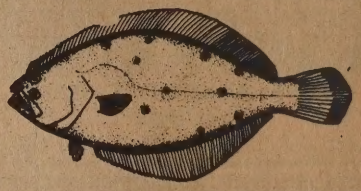

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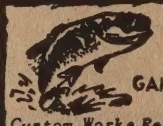

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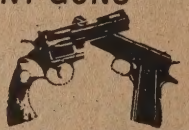

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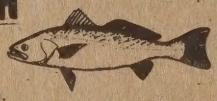

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when they are in heavier.

Capt. Spider Schmidt of the **Aloma II** fished west on Saturday hitting the Rockaways and Riis Park and really loaded up with fluke. Low man had 6 fish, hi-hook had 20 fish, average weight 3 lbs., very few throw-backs. Squid, spearing amd sand eels did their thing on a flooding tide. The **Aloma** with Capt. John at the wheel produced good bags of seabass and blackfish for his fares. Capt. Schmidt also happily informed us that Mrs. Schmidt will be presenting him with a new baby in January, right in the middle of codfishing season.

The **capt. Lou II** reports excellent fluking on Saturday and Sunday despite the weather in nearby Creeks. Fish were up to 3½ lbs. plus alot of throwbacks. Mike Danon had 15 on sand eels.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station said the flounders are very productive at Swift Creek. Worms with plenty of mussel chum fished on the incoming tide has brought in flounders from 1 to 1½ lbs. Fluke fishing is very good at Jones Inlet, Reynolds Channel and on the Middle Bay Flats. Spearing and sand eels seem to be better in reynold's Channel while the killie and squid combination does it in the Inlet. The blackfish are still at Meadowbrook and Long Creek Bridges up to 2 lbs. The bigger 4 to 5 pounders are at the offshore wrecks.

The **Marie III** had great fluking Sunday in Jones Inlet off the Coast Guard Station and the Barge, with 85 keepers and 3 times that amount as throw-backs. The fish took squid and sand eels on all tides, and average keeper size was 3 lbs. Four small blues were also boated.

ISLAND PARK

Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook reports the big news is bass and blue trolling off the Rockaway's. They are mostly hitting the Bingle Gorilla Rig and blues have been caught to 11 lbs. while bass have reached 48 lbs. There was a large quantity of fluke being taken from Breezy Point east past the Rockaway's Playland. These fish have been mainly in 15 to 20 feet of water and are taking sand eels and squid, weights have been to 5 lbs. Locally the fluke fishing is still good but the throwbacks are increasing.

The **Commodore** has been having good fluking in Debb's Inlet at the buoy 9 area. Small school blues have also been taken on the fluke rigs (2 lb. fish) using spearing and squid. Pool fluke are in the 4½ lb. area.

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Long Beach Sports Marina said there are some nice fluke and some weaks are being taken at Reynold's Channel and Duck Point. The fluke are

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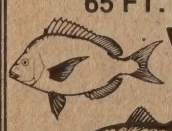

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hitting mostly on killies. The weaks have taken sand eels in Reynolds Channel while fishing for fluke. Striped bass action on the beach has been from fair to good.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Hennings Fishing Station reports fluke have been brought in as high as their belly button. The throwbacks are two to one and fishing is best at the Coast Guard Station, in the Inlet from buoy 8 to buoy 5 and then east to the Long Beach High School. Some blacks are still at the bridges and jetties. Blues have also started to come in. Striped bass fishing by bunker spoon trollers and multiple tube rigs is pretty good along the Jersey Coast. Leon went out on Izzy Glaser's boat and trolled bunker spoons along the Jersey Coast. Izzy got an 8 pounder and on the way back Leon dropped a bunker spoon over at Playland and got himself a nice 20 lb. bass.

Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the **Kim** has had excellent striper fishing, both big fish and schoolies, off Jersey. Ron says that he is nailing from 5 to 8 fish a day over 20 lb., with 90% being taken on the big Lupo Danny Trolling Plug and the Lupo Spoon. Bass action is fair off Long Beach and the Rockaways fish averaging 20 lbs. Fluking in the same area is fair to good. Blues are on the beach, 2 to 10 lbs. off the Rockaways and Long Beach for both surfcasters and boatmen.

JAMAICA BAY

Noehrens Bait & Tackle said fluke fishing from the boats is good along the Beach Channel Drive, Marine Parkway Bridge, and off Louie's Pier in Rockaway on the outside at Playland there are alot of fluke to be had. At both places sand eels and live killies are the bait. The Tin Can Grounds have been very good for striped bass trollers with umbrella rigs. North and South Channel Bridges are just starting to show with blue claw crabs. The North Channnel Bridge has eels and in the evening small striped bass can be had on sand worms.

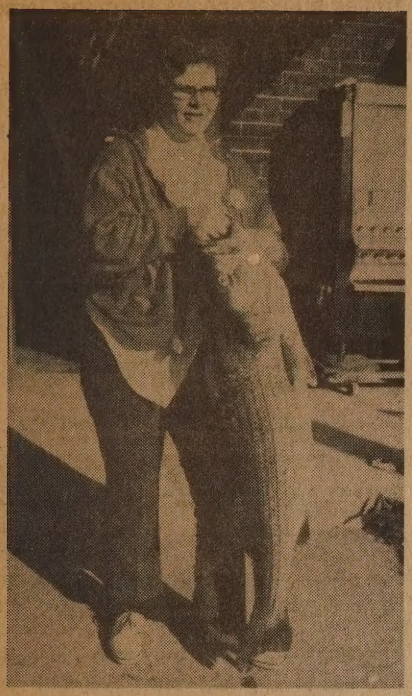
SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Mike's Tackle reports loads of fluke from Breezy Point and points east. Freddie says they are taking all the usual baits and just drift along. The Klondike and HA buoy have blues in good quantity. Norton's Point and Tin Can Grounds have given up striped bass and blues to umbrella rig trollers and occasionally on bucktails. The blacks have been pretty good and holding their own. The seabass are just now starting to come along.

Capt. Stan Kreisler of the charterboat **Babe** had a charter out Saturday and did very well on the fluke in the ocean off the Marine Parkway Bridge in 20 foot of water. With 60 keepers and 30 midgets. the happy anglers Al Esposito, Don Sullivan and Crazy Joe.

Capt. Fred of the **Amberjack IV** had very good fluking locally in the Riis Park area and the East Rockaway Inlet incoming tide best. Using sand eels and squid. The Amberjack has a giant cod and pollack wreck trip leaving this Friday night, and a tile fishing trip scheduled for June 14. See ad for details.

Capt. Tony of **Big Mohawk II** had a weakfish charter on Saturday and did a job on the flatties off Riis Park and the Marine Parkway Bridge and



Carol Davis hefts the 37 lb. bass that took a bunker chunk off South Beach, Staten Island. Carol, who is expecting to "spawn" in early July, set a new record for the largest striper caught on Staten Island by a women and also holds first place in Santo's Sport Shop's contest. Her husband, Bernie, is in third place. Photo courtesy of Santo's Sport Shop.

Hospital in 30 feet of water. The catch was 12 to 18 keepers per man.

Pilot II has been enjoying very good black and seabass action off the Jersey Coast. Capt. Tom will be running night bluefishing trips when the fish are in.

On Saturday the **Jonny K II** hung 16 bass to 20 lbs. in the Romer Shoals and west bank areas on Gorilla rigs. On Sunday his charter had 10 bass and a 12 lb. blue.

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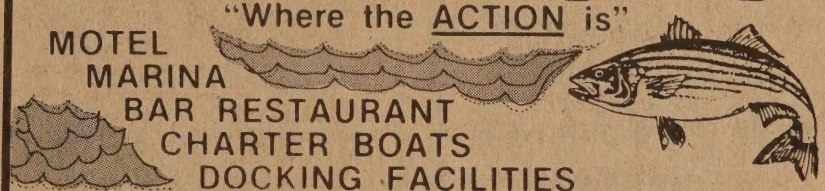

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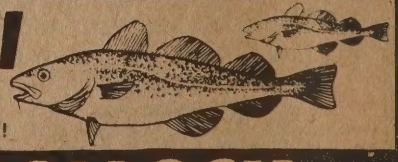

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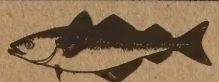

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GREENPORT

A.P. White reports very good weakfish and porgies at Middle Ground and Jessups. These fish are on the bottom and are taking squid and shrimp lures. Striped bass fishing is good at Gardiner's Bar and Plum Gut. Bucktails while drifting are most effective. The open boats Wilhelric and Brand X and the Charterboat Mighty Mouse are all doing well on weaks and porgies.

The Charterboat **Mighty Mouse** on Saturday went out after weaks at the insistance of the charter. Normally at this time weakfishing is a bust but the Middle Gounds give up a few and loads of porgies to 2 lbs. saved the day. Sunday's charter to Orient Point had 100 flounders in the 2 lb. class and 14 blacks 1 of 8 lbs. Mussels were the only bait and some chum.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt Fishing Station reports mixed catches of weaks and porgies along with some fluke and blues. The weaks and porgies are taking squid baits. Buoys 16, 17 and 18 are all good places to try.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station said the porgies coming in strong and the weaks have diminished. All these fish seem to be moving toward the windmill area. Blackfish are taking fiddlers and skimmer clams at buoy 22 Kingfish have showed up weighing about a pound and as many as 2 blowfish per boat have come in.

JAMESPORT

Jamesport Bait & Tackle said there is very good porgy fishing using worms and clams at buoy 23. Big weaks have been caught at buoy 23 on a hi-lo rig. The weaks seem to be backing off from the shrimp lures. One customer had 110 weakfish to 6 lbs. near this spot. Blkackfish are being taken just before Cows Neck on fiddlers and sand worms. There are some grass shrimp bait in the water.

WADING RIVER

Very good blackfishing from the beach all week long according to **Wildwood Deli**. Blacks of 6 to 8 lbs. have been an easy catch on the incoming tide using sandworm and fiddlers. Tony Russillo of Wading River pulled a 10½ lb. black off the beach. Flounder fishing is spotty but small porgies of ½ to ¾ lbs. are in. If you want a boat ride try for the mackerel at buoy 2. Striped bass fishing along the beach at present is mostly shorts.

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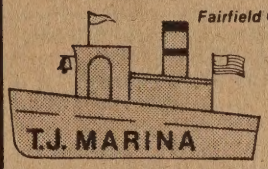

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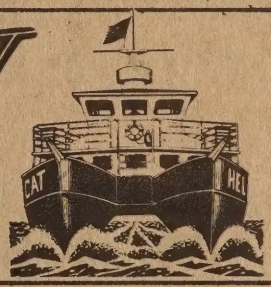

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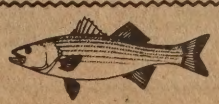

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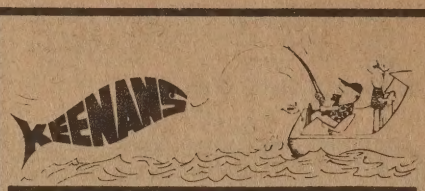

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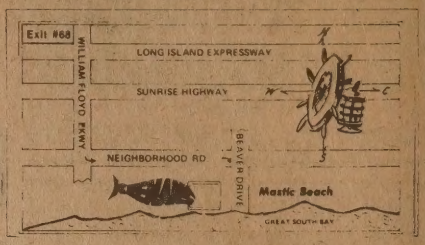

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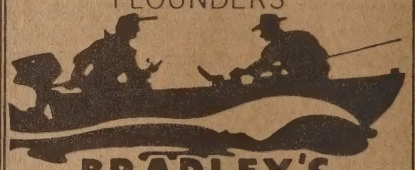

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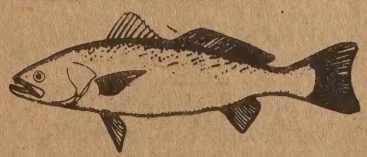

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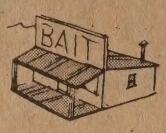

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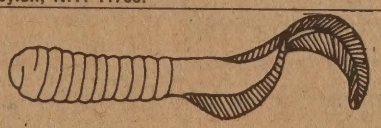

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Blacks, seabass, and porgies were the catch along with the first fluke of the season. Sunday's evening charter were the Sandpipers Fishing Club of Brookhaven. They had over 300 blacks, seabass and porgies.

Caraftis Fishing Station says there are alot of blacks and big porgies inside buoy 11 on the shoal. There are also flounders and big seabass that make up about 10% of the catch. School bass and a few weaks are taking worms in the narrows. Striped bass are also at Cedar Beach on a floating worm. John says there are big bunkers in the water.

SMITHTOWN BAY

Tim Fleming at **Smithtown Sports** said the flounders are spotty. There are still some mackerel to be had if you try hard. From Callahan's Beach going west small striped bass are hitting the Tri-Fin lures.

NORTHPORT

The Chainlocker reports there are lots and lots of blackfish at all the rocky areas. Sea porgies are in Huntington Bay but not in the harbor as yet. Mackerel are out by buoy 11.

Pete at **Greenlawn Sports Shop** reports good blackfishing on the sound side of Sand City using worms. Worm trolling at Duck Island and Little Neck Point is pretty good for striped bass. Alot of eels are swimming on the surface.

HUNTINGTON

Ever-Ready Fleet reports good catches of blacks, weaks, porgies, and flounder. Ed Jacobsen of Huntington took Sunday's pool with an 8¾ lb. blackfish. Doug LaPasta of Northport was right behind him with a 6½ lb. weakfish.

Four Winds Bait & Tackle said a 44 lb. striped bass was taken during the middle of the week at Center Island Reef on a live mackerel. Locally striped bass to 12 lbs. have been hitting trolled worms and Huntington Inlet and the east shore of Huntington Bay. Excellent porgie fishing averaging 1 to 1½ lbs. and as high as 3 are being taken at Sand City. Blacks are also there. Porgies along with larger blackfish are at Eaton's Neck. Mackerel fishing has slowed down.

PORT WASHINGTON

Moreland's Bait & Tackle reports Lee Smith landed a 42 lb. striped bass trolling a Smiling Bill bucktail in the sound off Manhasset. Worm trolling has produced alot of schoolies from 6

to 11 lbs. Alot of blackfish are around and hitting crab baits primarily.

GLEN COVE

John at **Glen Cove Sports** reports great weakfishing at the end of the Glen Cove Breakwater. Fish are 6 to 8 lbs. on shrimp jigs and jigged tins from the rocks or boats, on all tides. Very good blackfishing at this breakwater, Mattinicock Point and the east end of Prybill Beach, all tides, on fiddler crab and clam. John weighed in a 10 pounder that was brought dripping into his shop. Bass on trolled worms west of Dorois Creek off Davidson's.

CITY ISLAND

John's Gun & Tackle said the blackfishing has slowed along with the flounder. Porgies are starting to make a good showing. Striped bass worm trolling at New Rochelle and the Connecticut shore is very productive. Plug casting at Turtle Cove has consistently produced stripers. The mackerel all seem to be caught by the party boats who are chumming and jigging while the private boats donot seem to get any quantity.

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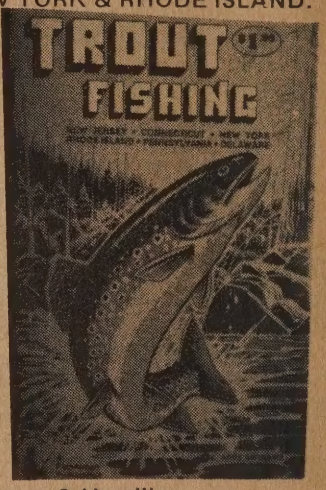

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DAY	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
THURSDAY	5:04	5:33	6:51	7:12	9:05	9:08	8:44	9:02
FRIDAY	5:59	6:20	7:37	7:51	9:50	9:45	9:34	9:48
SATURDAY	6:47	7:05	8:20	8:31	10:25	10:22	10:20	10:32
SUNDAY	7:32	7:46	9:05	9:11	10:59	11:02	11:04	11:15
MONDAY	8:16	8:28	9:45	9:54	11:36	11:44	11:48	11:59
TUESDAY	9:00	9:12	10:31	10:36	—	12:20	—	12:32
WEDNESDAY	9:46	9:56	11:18	11:24	12:29	1:03	12:44	1:18
THURSDAY	10:36	10:46	—	12:04	1:16	1:49	1:30	2:06

SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Inlet & Dem. Pt.	−0 38
Coast Giard Sta.	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 00
Beach Ch. (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration

	A.M		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
6/5	1:35	**8:00**	2:00	**8:25**
6/6	2:10	**8:45**	2:40	**9:10**
6/7	2:55	**9:30**	3:25	**9:55**
6/8	3:40	**10:25**	4:10	**10:50**
6/9	4:35	**11:15**	5:05	**11:45**
6/10	5:25	—	6:00	**12:15**
6/11	6:25	**12:40**	6:55	**1:15**
6/12	7:30	**1:50**	8:00	**2:10**

PHASES OF THE MOON

6-9	6-16	6-23	6-1
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

SUNRISE/SUNSET

6-6	5:32	8:25
6-12	5:30	8:29
6-18	5:30	8:31
6-24	5:31	8:32

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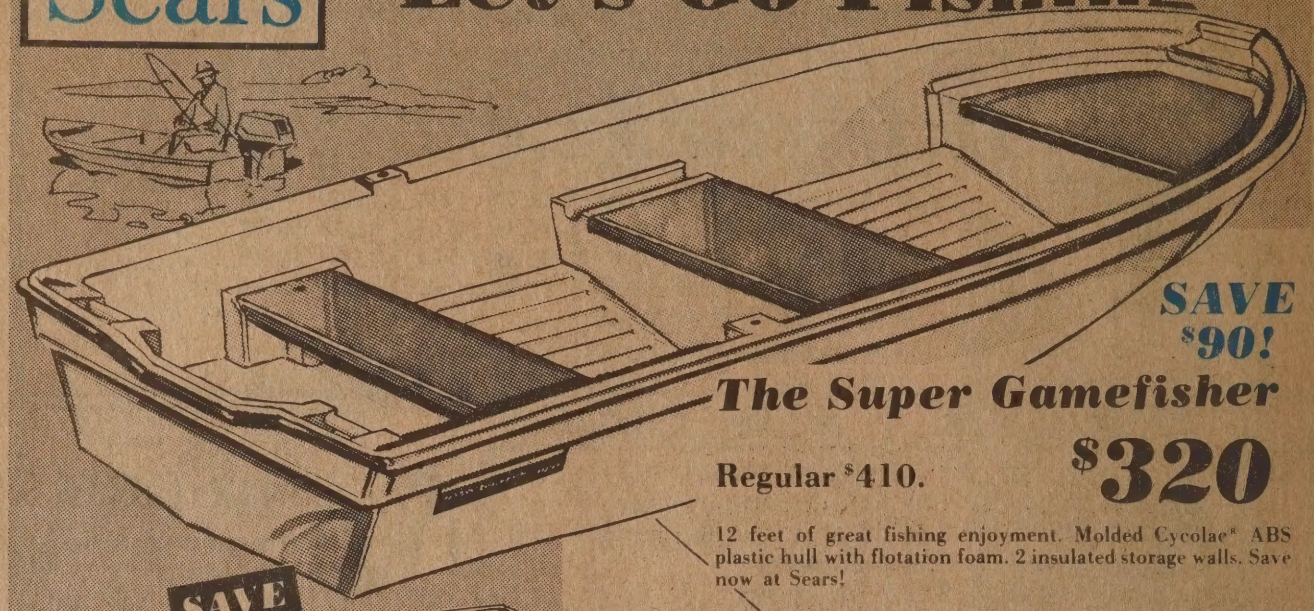

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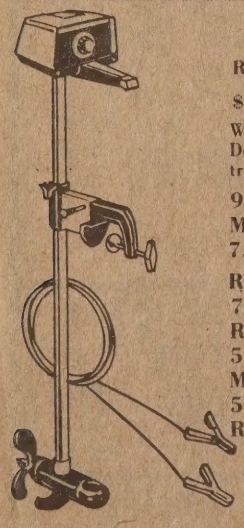

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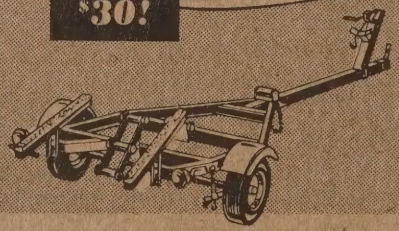

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